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CONNECTICUT SAFE.

Review of the Situation a Week Before Election.

The Election of Jewell Confidently Anticipated.

Enthusiasm and Earnestness of the Republicans.

The New Departure Troubling the Democratic Camp.

Both Parties Straining Every Nerve in the Canvass.

From Our Special Correspondent.

HARTFORD, CONN., Sunday, March 24, 1872.

When the Democratic State Convention adjourned at New-Haven, on the 7th of February, after placing an estimable gentleman on a platform which surrendered all former Democratic doctrines, it was evident that a political experiment was being made, of which the issue could not then be told. But the chances were against the Republican Party, which, ten days before, had put Gov. JEWELL before the people for re-election on a platform which reaffirmed all the distinctive doctrines of the party and unreservedly indorsed the Administration of President GRANT. Connecticut naturally was, and for years had been, a Democratic State, although often carried by the Republicans in consequence of the manifold blunders of the Democratic leaders, and it was therefore evident that if there was the least disaffection in their ranks this Spring, the contest was hopeless. At that time the Senatorial cabal had begun an aggressive war upon the Administration. The New-York Custom-house investigation was in full progress, and SCHURZ was scouring the universe for the scandal which has now taken shape as the arms investigation. In this cabal was a New-England Senator, honored and loved in the New-England State for more than thirty years of unflattering devotion to freedom, and it was supported by a New-York Republican journal which for a generation had been the political teacher of this people. It was thought scarcely possible that this seemingly alarming defection of five prominent Republican Senators, backed by a once powerful Republican journal, should not have great influence, and in a State where even the indifference of a paltry two hundred of its voters would be fatal to the Republican Party.

THE PROBABLE RESULT.

We are now within one week of the election, and, after four days of constant moving about the State, and gathering the views of representative men from all parts of it, I unhesitatingly express my conviction that the Republican Party will triumph by a majority decidedly larger than that of last year, on the State ticket. In the very worst aspect of the case, the State Senate will stand eleven Republicans to ten Democrats, but the chances are that it will be twelve to nine, and there is certain to be a gain of ten for the Republicans in the Lower House of the Legislature, thus putting an end to the hopes of all Democrats to attain a seat in the United States Senate in the place of Senator FERRY, whose successor is to be elected by the Legislature to be chosen next week. These are facts based upon other indisputable facts as to the political condition of the State, and they show conclusively that Senator WILSON was right when he said on Friday evening at Norwalk that no man, however eminent and powerful he may have been in the Republican Party, can take one hundred votes with him when he goes out of it. In other words, to again quote the same eminent Senator, that "political organizations are not founded upon men's loves or hates" is a truth often proved, but never more signally than by this remarkable canvass in this State. It would have been a sore defeat to the Senatorial cabal now looking so seriously to Cincinnati, if the Republican Party in Connecticut had barely held its own, and Gov. JEWELL slipped into the gubernatorial chair by a mere 200 majority; but it, as there now appears to be little doubt it will be, this majority is increased to 500, it is evident there is no such popular disapproval of the Administration as the sorehead Senators have claimed existed, and their defeat will be proportionately the more crushing.

THE ISSUES OF THE CONTEST.

Writing from New-Hampshire one week before the election, I said that a Republican triumph would be an indorsement of Gen. GRANT, and no one has successfully denied that such was the significance of the result. Writing now in Connecticut just one week before her election, I as plainly assert that the national Administration is even more fully on trial here than it was in New-Hampshire. There I often heard State affairs discussed as secondary issues of the contest, but here only National questions have been argued before the people. There is, in fact, nothing in local affairs to wrangle about, for Gov. JEWELL has administered his trust so admirably that even the Democratic Convention could find nothing to say against him. The Republican Legislature during its last session was equally wise and prudent, so that the Democrats, searching in vain for something to hold up to popular condemnation, have been forced to be silent as to all matters strictly local. In order that the issues which have been raised before the people may be seen at a glance, I now append the leading resolutions of the two conventions. Having indulged in an encomium of their past work, the Republicans said:

During the existing Administration the debt has been reduced nearly three hundred millions; peace and order have made great progress in the lately rebellious regions; a new policy toward the Indians has been adopted, marked by firmness, justice and good faith; the rights of all, especially the poor and friendless, of whatever race or wherever found, have been scrupulously protected; a self-respecting yet peaceable policy has been pursued toward all the world; and our controversy with Great Britain has been treated in a manner greatly creditable to both nations.

We have undiminished confidence in the patriotism, integrity and ability of President GRANT, and, for the great and good work done in the country's behalf, we heartily thank him and his Cabinet and the two Houses of Congress.

The future must be as honorable as the past. To preserve and keep its hold of the world, the Republican Party must be free to examine and criticise, and, utterly without fear, favor or partiality, in attacking all fraud, dishonesty and corruption, legislative, executive or judicial, in nation or State. We demand economy, industry, and honesty in our political affairs, and rejoice at the brightening prospects of a thorough reform of the civil service. For the President's efforts and pledges in this matter we tender him our cordial thanks, and therein we pledge him an undivided support.

The Democrats, to the intense astonishment of the old party leaders, said:

That the Democrats of Connecticut regard emancipation, equality of civil rights and extinguishment of established debts now embodied in the Constitution, and therefore the support of good citizens in all parts of the country, as the fruits of the late war, and as such gratefully accept the situation as conclusively settled by the sword, and we will abide by the results in good faith.

That we repudiate with scorn the oft-repeated slander of our opponents, that the Democracy of Connecticut are in favor of repudiating any portion of the national debt, even so much as has been fastened upon us by extravagance and fraud, and, that we are for paying that debt to its last dollar.

These resolutions, which, with others composing the platform, were filched bodily from the Missouri scrubheads, have occasioned sore distress, and many of the faithful, as I shall show hereafter, exclaim with Mr. Nasby:

"Emancipashen, Ekal Rites, Impartshel Suffrage, and the Payment uv the Debt! Why, gentle sirs, I mite as well put on a clean shirt and be a Republikin to wunst, for sartain as I kin see, the matter of clean linen is all that we shel differ in. I can't do it—reely I can't."

The canvass of the two parties has been in close consonance with their respective platforms. The Republicans have been outspoken in demanding the continuance of the present National Administration as necessary to the prosperity of the country, and the Democracy have been able to do nothing better than serve up to the people a diluted rehash of the stale slanders which SCHURZ has gathered from corner whisperings.

THE SIDE SHOWS.

For the first time in the history of Connecticut politics, an attempt is being made to complicate the contest by the injection of one-idea movements. In this case these movements were not designed and are not being managed by their adherents for selfish ends. It is generally admitted that the advocates of the Labor Reform and Temperance movements are not bidding for the favor of the two great parties, but are sincere well-meaning zealots, who have utterly mistaken their duty, because of their devotion to chimeras. Mr. ALEXANDER TROOP, the leader of the Labor Reformers, is honestly anxious to poll as large a vote as possible for Mr. HARRISON, his candidate for Governor, and it is a wrong to him to assert that he is standing hat in hand between the two parties, ready to sell out his cause to the one who shall drop the most solid benefits in his way. But with all his sincerity and all his vigor in the advocacy of his movement, he is doomed to appear in an unenviable light, for there is not the slightest probability that his ticket will obtain more than one thousand votes, and as about a third of these will come from the Republican Party, he will seem, despite himself, to be an assistant Democrat, for it must be remembered that in this State, as in New-Hampshire, it requires a majority to elect. But the supporters of Mr. GILLETTE, the temperance candidate, are even more unfortunate, as with all their honesty of purpose they are giving even greater aid to the Democracy. Their votes, without exception, come from the Republican ranks, as a Democrat anxious to wholly cut off the liquor supply would be as much a wonder in Connecticut as elsewhere. There will be about one thousand of these votes, and no more, as the movement has been paralyzed from the beginning by the common-sense of the people. In Hartford County, where it was expected that the vote would be quite large, it will be so insignificant as to be hardly worth counting; and even in Windham County, which is pre-eminently the "land of steady habits," and where it is an unpardonable sin to indulge in ardent spirits even occasionally, the movement is meeting with far less of popular support than it was feared it would. The argument used, even by strict temperance men, is that if their cause cannot be served through the Republican Party, it has small chance of substantial service at all. The triumph of a distinctive prohibitory party could add nothing to the legal disabilities of the liquor traffic, for a prohibitory law was placed upon the statute, book years ago by a Republican Legislature, and has remained there ever since. It remains with the officers of towns to have this law enforced, and if anywhere it is a dead letter—as I must confess it is in many localities—the fact is not due to the want of stringent legislation. The sincere temperance men are fully aware of these facts, and to most of them it seems absurd to jeopard the success of the Republican Party, because a Liquor law which it long ago gave the State has not been as strictly enforced as some desire.

HOW THE DEMOCRATS WILL LOSE.

Taking the vote of last year, and admitting that whatever increase there may be will be equally divided between the two parties, as is usually the case, it is difficult to see, at a first glance, with these side shows taken into the account, how the Republicans are to win. The total vote of last year was 94,660, of which JEWELL had 47,673, and ENGLISH 47,973, with 14 scattering. Now, it being admitted that the Labor Reform and Temperance tickets will each have about 1,000, and that all of the latter with one-third of the former will be taken from the Republicans, it is plain they will lose 1,500 by these tickets, while the Democrats will lose only 500, and that while there would be no election of Governor by the people, HUBBARD would head the poll by about two hundred votes. The way out of the dilemma is presented, first, by the fact that absolute Republican gains are reported in many of the towns, but secondly and principally in the fact that the Democracy are uneasy in their new dress, and are not engaging in the contest with anything like the vigor they did when shouting the shibboleths of barbarism, as they did for so many years. There is certain to be, from present appearances, a very serious Democratic defection, which will be evidenced by abstaining from the polls. That sort of Democracy which followed the fundamental heresies of the party to their logical consequence, obtained a firmer foothold in Connecticut than any other Northern State, and the men who have honestly declared for years that the war for the Union, and the emancipation and enfranchisement of the slaves, were crimes unparalleled in political action, are dumfounded how that they are required to declare" these measures established these new principles in the Constitution, and deserving the support of good citizens of all parties. To them these measures put into the Constitution by fraud and force, which rendered them void, and they are not prepared to entirely stultify themselves by admitting that these amendments are binding. The representative men of this class, who had all the vim which the Democracy of Connecticut ever had, and men for all the vagaries they ever achieved, are standing sullenly aloof from the battle. One of these is the well-known WILLIAM W. EATON, whose courage and skill in political strife has often turned the scale in favor of his party, and he has thus far taken no part whatever in the struggle. It was reported to Mr. EATON, the other day, that an old, straight-out Democrat in one of the counties had announced his intention not to vote until he knew where "BILL" EATON stood, for he didn't know about this new platform, which looked too much like Republicanism to suit him. Mr. EATON remarked that he should probably have to make a speech in order that the old man might exercise his right of suffrage, but he was really in the same quandary as his ancient political disciple, and, speaking from the new Democratic platform, could not be sure at any moment that he was not advocating Republican doctrines.

This incident shows that there is as much truth as humor in the last Nasby letter, wherein that apostle of pure Democracy related how he had attempted to expound the new articles of faith to an audience who had not read the platform, and who remarked upon his experiences that "when a man, sent out by a Democratic Committee, and talkin' from the platform adopted by the Democratic Convention, comes out uv a Democratic meetin' one mass uv livid bruises and drenched in gore, it is time that suthin' be did."

Very many of the old Democrats are of the same opinion, and in their helplessness a large proportion of them will endeavor to get out of their dilemma by doing nothing.

While this will be the principal cause of the serious Democratic defection which is anticipated, the party is to lose some votes in consequence of an affair which is one of the pleasantest political jokes of the age. The fishing of the Connecticut River is one of the important interests of the State, and employs a large number of men. Some days ago a committee of these fishermen addressed a letter to each of the rival candidates for Governor, in order to ascertain their views on the law relating to pound fishing. Gov. JEWELL, in the manly, straightforward way in which he does everything, answered the letter, saying, in plain language what he could and would do in reference to the matter. Mr. HUBBARD was equally explicit in the declaration of his views, but probably in consequence of that ignorance of politics of which he boasts, he fell into a laughable blunder. Supposing that he had been applied to as a lawyer, with the written opinion which he sent to the fishermen he inclosed a bill of thirty dollars for professional services. No one enjoys this joke more than Gov. JEWELL, as well he may, for it is one which is to cost his opponent many votes of those sturdy men who take their living from the bright waters of the Connecticut River.

HOW THE REPUBLICANS WILL GAIN.

While the fact of this Democratic disaffection is perfectly well known, and something is expected from it, the Republicans are by no means trusting to it to win them the battle. Mr. BARTLETT BERT, the Chairman of the Republican State Committee, sits constantly in his room at the Allyn House, with his eye upon every nook of the State, and is managing the campaign with all the quiet vigor and consummate tact for which he is remarkable. He knows every day what has been done and left undone both by his friends and opponents in all the towns; and is instantly aware of whatever local causes arise, as some few have, to cloud the Republican prospects in certain districts, and he immediately sets himself to work to remove these disturbing elements, as he has successfully done in several instances. As a consequence of his wise management, the party is now united and energetic throughout the State. So far as can be ascertained there is not a single sorehead to be found, although there are some who do not desire the renomination of Gen. GRANT. This class is represented by the Hartford *Post*, an enterprising journal edited with great ability, which has advised its friends in a carefully considered article to vote the Republican State ticket without reference to their presidential predilections. The article was hot marked by very great enthusiasm, but it was cogent in its reasoning and has done good service. There is little danger now that even a score of the Republican voters of Connecticut will evince their devotion to the fortunes of SCHURZ by voting for HUBBARD, or even by absenting themselves from the polls. It is universally remarked that the party was never in better condition a week before election than it is at this moment, and this unity is the first of those facts which lead to a belief in a Republican triumph.

The second fact has been briefly given to the public in my telegrams, and it is that the canvass of the State shows that the Republican cause is gaining ground among the people. Returns have been received from two-thirds of the 169 towns in the State, which show that in the majority of them there are small gains, and only in about half a dozen places will the vote be less than last year, by reason of a few voters being drawn off to the support of the Temperance ticket. These gains are, to some extent, from converts, but in the larger towns, as in Hartford, the newly-naturalized voters are more largely Republican than in former years. This may be due to the fact that the Republicans have this year all the prestige of an active canvass. Except to retail some of the Sohurz slanders against Gen. GRANT, which have been disproved time and again, and which few people in this State ever took any notice of, the Democrats have had nothing whatever to talk about. Their meetings have been few and spiritless, and their speakers correspondingly ineffective. Judge DOOLITTLE, of Wisconsin, although a gentleman of some national reputation, had a very thin and frigid meeting in this city, which has a decided Democratic majority, and there is little prospect that he can do better elsewhere. On the other hand, the Republican gatherings, as a rule, have been large and enthusiastic, and addressed by speakers in entire accord with them. Foremost among these has been Hon. HENRY WILSON, of Massachusetts, whose great speech at Norwalk was given in great part in the TIMES, and whose efforts at other points were equally eloquent, effective and timely. Senator O. S. FERRY has also made one powerful address, while Gen. HAWLEY, Gen. HALL of Maine, and Major HAGERTY, the well-known Irish orator of New-York, have been several times before the people, and on all occasions have been effective in their addresses. This activity is to be continued to the end, and the programme for the ensuing week includes the following appointments: Senator JAMES W. NYE speaks at East Hampton on Monday, Suffield on Tuesday, Bristol on Wednesday, Madison on Thursday, South Manchester on Friday, and at Norwalk on Saturday. Major JAMES HAGERTY is down for Windsor Locks on Monday, Meriden on Wednesday, Middletown on Thursday, and Bridgeport on Saturday. Gen. JOHN L. SWIFT has appointments at Simsbury, Wilton, South Norwalk, South Manchester, and Hartford, while Gen. JAMES A. HALL is to be at New-Haven, New-Canaan, Putnam, South Coventry, and Bridgeport during the week. Hon. ALEXANDER HAMILTON, of New-Haven, is announced for Thomaston, Meriden, Middletown and Ansonia; Gen. JOSEPH R. HAWLEY is to speak at Wallingford, Danbury and Hartford, and Hon. O. S. FERRY at New-Haven and New-London. Hon. HENRY O'CONNOR, of Iowa, is to speak with Senator FERRY at New-London, and Wednesday evening with Gen. HAWLEY, of Hartford, on Saturday, and Hon. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, a distinguished orator, of Congress from Pennsylvania, addresses a meeting at New-Haven on Saturday evening.

Meantime, Mr. BERT will be hard at work, by Town Committees, in every part of the State, and he expects and feels confident that, when all the facts, a week hence, shall be known, the result will be a Republican victory, which, this year, happens to be the first day of that noble month. It will be unlike all present signs prove false, a genuine All Fools' Day for the Democratic Party and their allies of the Democratic cabal.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Earl Granville's Second Note on the Indirect Claims.

Duel of French Journalists—Great Suffering in the Flooded Region of China—Separation of Native Christians From Japan—Impeachment of a Missouri Judge.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

Scope and Purpose of Earl Granville's Second Note.

LONDON, March 24.—The London *Observer* says the second note of Earl GRANVILLE in regard to the *Alabama* claims is most friendly and conciliatory in tone, but states explicitly that England is unable to submit the question of the admissibility of the claims for indirect damages to the Board of Arbitrators at Geneva. The *Observer* describes the dispatch as very long.

Indifference in Washington as to the Recalls—The British View not to be Accepted.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—But little interest is now expressed among public men relative to the condition of the *Alabama* claims. Some of those who were strong friends of the treaty now say they are indifferent as to whether or not its provisions are carried into effect. There seems to be no disposition in any quarter to yield to the British view of the question.

FRANCE.

Duel Between Journalists—State of Siege in Paris—The Revenue.

PARIS, March 24.—A duel was fought yesterday between M. ROGAT, of the *Paye*, (newspaper,) and M. RICHARDET, of the *Corsaire*. The latter was wounded in the chest. The Committee of Initiative has reported unfavorably to the Assembly on the proposal to raise the state of siege in Paris. The taxes established within the last few months have produced 350,000,000 francs, which exceeds the estimates over 30,000,000. The Government is now disposed to postpone the debate on its proposition to tax raw materials, until after the recess.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Financial Statement—Two per Cent. of the Income Tax.

LONDON, March 24.—Right Hon. ROBERT LOWE, Chancellor of the Exchequer, will make his financial statement to the House of Commons to-morrow. It is expected that he will propose a reduction of two per cent. on the income tax.

Departure of the Queen for Berlin via Paris—She Will Decline to Meet M. Thiers—Intermarriage.

LONDON, March 24.—The Queen departed this morning for Berlin via Paris. A dispatch from Cherbourg announces Her Majesty's arrival there this afternoon. A special train was waiting, on which the Queen and suite embarked for Paris, where it is expected the royal party will arrive at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning. The Queen will politely decline to meet President THIERS, and continue her journey to Berlin as privately as possible. A meeting was held at Cork last night, to denounce the International Society. The proceedings were disorderly, and there was some hubbing among the audience.

ITALY.

Arrival of the Prince of Wales in Rome—The French Minister—Recess of the Chamber.

ROME, March 24.—The Prince and Princess of WALES have arrived in this city. M. FOURNIER, the new French Minister, has also arrived. The Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, approved Minister SELLA'S financial scheme, and adjourned until April 15.

CHINA.

Loss of a Steamer—Sufferings from the Flood—The Revolt in Cavite.

HONG KONG, Feb. 17.—The steamer *Fuscanda* was lost on the rocks near Foochow; all hands saved.

There is terrible suffering in the flooded districts near Tientsin. Many persons were dying daily. Details of the revolt of the native troops in Cavita, Manila, show that the conspiracy was general for a rising throughout the island, and had not accident precipitated matters before the time arranged, few Europeans would have escaped. The prisons are filled with suspected persons, including many creoles. Every insurgent taken was thereupon shot.

JAPAN.

Debts of Deposed Princes Assumed by the Government—Expulsion of Christians.

KANAGAWA, Feb. 20.—The Japanese Government has assumed the liabilities of the deposed Princes to foreigners for loans, ships, or goods. The prosecution and deportation of native Christians continues. A daily mail has been established between Yeddo and Yokohama. The railroad will be opened soon. The Empire is quiet.

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis and Probabilities.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25—1 A. M.—The barometer has fallen west of and throughout the Mississippi Valley, and extended its influence eastward to Lake Erie, and thence to Florida, with easterly to southerly winds and rising temperature. An area of cloudy weather and rain has extended from the Western Gulf States to Tennessee and the South Atlantic coast, and thence northward to Lake Erie and the upper lakes, cloudy weather with light rain and snow. Clear weather continued over the New-England and Middle States, very generally. The lowest barometer is central over Iowa and Missouri.

PROBABILITIES.

The barometer will continue falling from the upper lakes to the Eastern Gulf, and gradually extend to the Atlantic coast. The area of cloudy weather and rain will extend by Monday morning over North Carolina, Kentucky and Ohio, and, as snow, eastward to Lake Huron; and during Monday and rain and snow eastward over the Middle States very generally. Rising barometer, northwesterly winds and clearing weather will prevail throughout the Mississippi Valley during the night, and on Monday extend over the upper lakes and the Ohio Valley and Gulf States. Dangerous winds are not anticipated for the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

THE JAPANESE IN THE BRIDAL OFFENSE.

Last night the military officers of the Japanese Embassy visited, by invitation, the Bridal Office to witness the manner of receiving and preparing weather reports. There were present Gen. MEADE, Col. MALLORY, Lieut. CRAIG, JACKSON, GRESLEY, and others. Mr. SCHAUWECKER, the observer, showed them the manner of reading the scientific instruments and the mode of transmitting the results by cipher. The Japanese were much interested in witnessing the transmission of the reports by telegraph. Mr. MAYNARD, the manager, conducting their questions through the interpreter, explaining the working of the instruments. Gen. MEADE directed every facility, and suggested no means to enable them to understand thoroughly the complete working of the system in its various practical details. Prior to its departure the reports were received and translated, and bulletins prepared, and the latest weather map obtained to indicate the state of the weather, and for small map set up and printed, each of the Japanese officers receiving a copy of the same. Gen. MEADE complimented all the employés upon the manner in which they had entertained his distinguished visitors with information.

Attempt Shortly Surveyed—Gen. Shaff—Fund Appropriated in Malone.

BANGOR, Me., March 24.—The heaviest snow-storm of the season commenced here at 10 o'clock last night, and lasted twelve hours. Some fifteen inches of snow fell. The roads are very badly blocked. The storm must have been better west, as the night express train on the Bangor Central Road arrived not three hours late without a snow plow. There, however, it was stated that the snow was not so deep as to block the road, but no train will probably pass through to-morrow.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Public opinion seems to have been much as usual in respect to the feelings of the new Spanish Minister, Admiral POLO, toward that country. There is reason to believe that prior to his appointment as Minister, he manifested an intelligent and most earnest appreciation of our country and its institutions. He was quite warmed in his expressions in these respects than the demands of official politeness required. It is believed that he comes to Washington entertaining the same views toward the people and Government of the United States which he entertained while on a distant naval station, and it may be correct to presume that his known views in the respect indicated had some influence with the Cabinet at Madrid in his appointment.

THE APACHES.

Gen. HOWARD will probably arrive in Arizona during the present week, and news will soon be heard which may indicate something of the prospects of his mission. There is every reason to believe that the Apaches are ready for the war-path, as soon as grass shall have grown sufficiently to subsist their ponies. The people in all that region believe this, and oppose the mission of Gen. HOWARD, desiring that Gen. CROOK should be permitted to anticipate their movements and strike the first blow. Much hope is reposed in the efforts of Gen. HOWARD here, though it is well understood that there are difficulties in his way which arduous and conscientious labor only can overcome.

VOORHEES AND THE NEW DEPARTURE.

Yesterday was a more interesting day in the House than Saturday usually is. The Democrats turned out in full force to hear another of Mr. VOORHEES' Kuklux speeches. Like the one some time ago, it assailed the Reconstruction laws, assailed the majority of Congress, assailed the President, assailed the negro, and assailed everything, in fact, except the rebels. Mr. VOORHEES was listened to with such marked approval by the Democrats while he denounced the amendments as "fraudulent" and "an outrage" that confidence in the sincerity of the new departure was completely shaken. Weak-kneed Republicans, who talk about coalescing with the Democrats this Fall, will discover from this speech that they have relied too much upon professions which ignore dead issues. A more adroit defense of a series of crimes no longer denied than VOORHEES' speech was never made in Congress. He went so far in his wholesale denunciation of the Republican Party for everything it did to suppress rebellion and restore the South, as to condemn the execution of the parties concerned in the Lincoln assassination plot. The speech is confessedly put forth at this time to break the force of the Kuklux report and to revive the failing ardor of Southern Democrats by attacking the negro in the old-fashioned way, and promising a speedy return to the old-fashioned régime when the Democrats get power. The speech was honest, sincere, and able from a Democratic stand-point. It is the Democratic doctrine for the campaign, and will be a heavy dose for the Cincinnati coalition.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Secretary FISH is now engaged in preparing an order based upon the new civil service rules the Advisory Board has just completed, which the Cabinet will indorse at its meeting next Tuesday. The order will require these rules to be put into force in each of the seven Departments here without any further delay.

THE SMUGGLED AMNESTIES.

It has transpired that the violation of confidence practised by Mr. CALDWELL, of Tennessee, in secretly putting the name of Mr. VANCE into an amnesty bill which passed without the reading of the names, was much more flagrant than at first understood, for the same bill contained the names of ISHAM G. HARRIS, Ex-Governor and Indian Trust fund robber, Ex-Senator WILLIAM A. GRAHAM of North Carolina, and Ex-Senator A. O. P. NICHOLSON, of Tennessee, all of whom are men whom the House has excluded heretofore, and the latter of whom, as Chief-Justice elect of the Tennessee Supreme Court, is under a *quo warranto* writ to show why the Fourteenth Amendment does not debar him from taking his seat.

THE TARIFF.

The effect of the passage of the Free Tea and Coffee amendment to the Tariff bill in the Senate will be considered in the meeting of the Ways and Means to-morrow. It is tacitly taken for the matter of further revision of the Tariff out of their hands, and should the Senate carry out its expressed intention by passing the House bill, which lies on its table, putting tea and coffee on the free list, which is the quickest way to give the force of law to their amendment, the Ways and Means will be left idle and Mr. BUTLER will be but to report the Internal Revenue bill and follow it at once with the adjournment resolution. There is chance to-morrow that ten millions more will be taken from the revenue by the passage of a bill under suspension of the rules to make the tax on tobacco uniform at 32 cents per pound, which is pushed by Mr. LARKIN, on a promise of support from the high tariff interests. An attempt will be made to put the iron on the same basis, but that will fail, as will probably the effort which will follow to place it at 30. Besides these propositions, there are several others of an important character, which will be brought under consideration of the rules, so that Monday promises to be an unusually exciting day.

SENATORIAL APPORTIONMENT.

The Tennessee apportionment by the rebel Legislature at Nashville is one of the curiosities of political gerrymandering. In order to make districts which shall prevent the Republicans from electing their candidates in East Tennessee, they have given them the shape of parallelograms, running them out into the rebel element of Middle Tennessee. Then, to meet like gerrymandering in counties have been carried out of Old cases, and the whole thing has assumed the shape of an outrageous political fraud.

CLAIMS AGAINST SPAIN.

The United States and Spanish Commission, which was organized here in June last, has not yet decided any claims. The delay is owing to the difficulties on the part of Spain in taking add ditional proofs as effects to those of Americans in support of the facts presented in their memorials. The claims are for wrongs and injuries committed by Spanish authorities in Cuba since the commencement of the present insurrection.

Stop of a Train of Mississippi River Road—Embezzlement of a Missouri Judge.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 24.—The trains on the Belleville and Southern Illinois Railroad have been stopped lately and the lives of the passengers endangered by a gang of scoundrels. Four Belleville, two East St. Louis were arrested in the act, and while being searched by the City Marshal, one of them drew a knife and stabbed him, inflicting a wound thirteen inches long, whereupon the Marshal shot the desperado dead. The Lower House of the Legislature passed a bill to Prevent citizens of one State suing in other Tribunals. Attorney the First Judicial Circuit, for embezzlement, misconduct, and abuse of judicial authority.

Steamboat Burned to the Waterline, Me.

BANGOR, Me., March 24.—A fire broke out in Perry's House, on the corner of Main and Liberty streets in Rockland at 12 o'clock Saturday night, destroying that and the adjoining brick block, including Lime Rock Bank, Masonic office, Western Union Telegraph office, and several other offices and stores. The fire originated in the room of F. B. Moores & Co., probably from the ignition of a quantity of new goods from the store, some which they were placed. Among the the destruction of the telegraph office, no further particulars have been received, but com[illegible] will probably be reestablished by 8 P. M. to-morrow. Immediate and complete relief has been tendered from Portland for that purpose.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Chattanooga expects to become the Pittsburgh of the South.

The American Statistical Association has adjourned until the 4th of May.

The Iowa Republican State Convention meets at Des Moines on Wednesday.

The Ohio Republicans will hold their State Convention at Columbus on Wednesday.

The Louisiana Reform State Convention, called for April 10, has been postponed to June 4.

The interior of J. H. PRICE'S house, Spring-[illegible], was gutted by fire last night.

The propeller Daniel G. Miller, stranded near Manitowoc from New-York yesterday, the first boat from the cold snap.

Hon. CHAS. E. BUCKALEW refuses to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of Pennsylvania.

The Republicans of East Tennessee will elect their delegates to the State Convention on Monday next.

The measles have been raging with unprecedented fatality in some parts of Michigan, during the past three months.

Arrests for Kukluxism continued during the past week in Union and Chester Counties, South Carolina.

Senator CAMERON will soon address the senate on the bill providing for liquidation of the French spoliation claims.

The Health Officer, Washington, D. C., reports a material abatement in the number of small-pox patients during the past week.

JEREMIAH HUNTINGTON, a prominent citizen of Norwich, Conn., died on Saturday evening, aged eighty.

A Vermont woman, who obtained a divorce at the recent term of the Court, took her second husband two days afterward.

Detroit will unveil the soldiers' monument on the 9th of April, the anniversary of Lee's surrender. Gen. BURNSIDE is to be present.

A correspondent of the Salt Lake Tribune states that Judge HAYDON is sent to Washington to oppose the admission of Utah as a State.

Mayor MEDILL, of Chicago, is partially deaf, and consequently refuses to listen to suggestions that he should be a candidate for Congress.

The Japanese visited several of the Catholic Churches in Philadelphia yesterday, and witnessed the religious observances of Palm Sunday.

ROBERT BROWN, aged eleven, stabbed THOMAS WHARTON, aged seventeen, inflicting a serious wound, during a quarrel on Saturday, in Philadelphia.

The Baltimore *Gazette* (Democratic) has been sold to WM. H. WELLS, late proprietor of the Philadelphia *Age*, and HENRY TAYLOR and WM. H. CARPENTER, of Baltimore.

The Down-East dory fishermen have recently been unusually successful. On Tuesday last three dories landed $815 worth of codfish at Gloucester, Mass.

In the Ohio Senate, on Saturday, two resolutions were offered asking the Ohio Representatives in Congress to oppose any reduction of the tariff on wool.

HENRY T. LOKER, an invalid tenant of the Sailors' Home in Quincy, Mass., died recently from an overdose of morphine. He was an Englishman and said to be of good family and well educated.

Lincoln Hall, Washington, was crowded yesterday afternoon to hear Rev. Messrs. CHICKERING and HALL, Senators BUCKINGHAM and FERRY, and Vice-President COLFAX, on temperance.

The Massachusetts Labor Reform State Committee repudiates the protest of the Eight-hour League against the Columbus platform, and agree to sustain the doings of that Convention.

A bill, now before the Massachusetts Legislature, takes from the Governor and Council the right to dispose of the State's interest in the Hoosac Tunnel. It is understood that it is drawn in accordance with the wishes of Gov. WASHBURN.

The obituary of a Cincinnati printer mentions that he had an immense experience in the deciphering of the most illegible manuscript, and that he was the first of the printers to read and set up correctly the manuscript of Mr. BLOSS in the Enquirer office twenty years ago.

HOBSON & STEVENSON'S saw-mill, with its contents, and the Shannon Mill, in Biddeford, Me., burned yesterday. Loss about $6,000. The occupants of a dwelling opposite in moving a stove upset it and set fire to the house, which was damaged to the amount of $12,000.

A verdict was rendered yesterday by the Coroner's jury in the case of RODRIGO DAVIS, discovered fatally wounded in the yard of a tenement-house in South Boston, that death was caused by blows on the head inflicted by persons unknown.

Alluding to Senator WOOD, the Rochester Express says: "If ever the Senate should purge itself of suspicion, now is the time. If nothing can be done now, all laws against bribery and all squeamishness about corruption might as well be abandoned.

The Knoxville *Chronicle* tells this at the expense of a rival city: A Knoxville merchant says that a set of sharpers are going through the country buying poor sheep for $1 a head, selling the pelts for $2.50 and drying the hams and selling them in Cincinnati for choice venison.

Among the resolutions adopted by the Kansas Republican State Convention was this: "We hereby declare any man in public life who will dare to employ corrupt means in politics, and we will set our faces steadfastly against all such, and will endeavor to make the future of Kansas pure and good.

A new Republican newspaper is to be started in Montgomery, Ala., early in April. It will be called the *Republican Sentinel*, and its conductors promise to advocate zealously the election of the nominees of the Philadelphia Convention, and to look to the true interests of Republicanism alone.

An anonymous address to the Republicans of Georgia has been issued, complaining of the action of a portion of the State Committee in appointing delegates to the National Convention, and urging great care in the selection of delegates to the State Convention, to be held by call of the same Committee in Macon, on the 8th of May.

Sad Consequences of the Careless Use of Fire-Arms.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., March 24.—PHILO CLARK shot and instantly killed his sister, Mrs. ELLEN TURNER, at Otis, Mass., on Friday evening, while pointing a gun at her in sport. Her little girl had her arms around her mother's neck at the time, and was so seriously injured that one arm will have to be amputated. CLARK is overwhelmed with grief at the shocking result of his carelessness.

SUSPECTED MURDER.

Two Men Arrested on Suspicion—No Trace of the Supposed Victim.

On the 4th of the present month, JOHN GRAY, of No. 370 Avenue A, mysteriously disappeared. His brother made every effort to find him, and at last gave information to Capt. LEARY, of the Twenty-first Precinct. The Captain ascertained that on the evening of the 4th, at about 7 o'clock, Gray was seen in the saloon of HENRY LEITENMAIER, at the southwest corner of Thirteenth-street and First-avenue, drinking in company with PATRICK GREEN, of No. 207 East Thirty-fifth-street, and MICHAEL MOHANAN, of No. 26 First-avenue. Gray, and Mohanan were both drunk, but Green was perfectly sober. Shortly before eight o'clock they left the company, and about an hour later, Green returned to the saloon alone. It was noticed by both Weinmaier Wouncker, the bar-tender, and WILLIAM COOKE, a friend, that Green's clothes were very much soiled and covered with blood, and the question was asked how they came to be in that condition. Green replied that Gray had fallen down and hurt himself at the corner of Twenty-third-street and Park-avenue. The bar-keeper asked what Green had done with the injured man, and was answered that as he would not tell him where he lived, Green had put him, by where he had fallen. Yesterday, Capt. LEARY met MOHANAN and GREEN in company, and arrested them on suspicion of having murdered Gray. The latter denied any policy as being accessory, but persistently denied all knowledge of Gray, or of their being present in the saloon with him on that night. As the body of the supposed murdered man has not yet been found, the two men were locked up in the East Thirty-fifth-street Police station to await further developments in the case.

Steamships Arrived.

The steam-ship Cuba, Capt. MOODIE, from Liverpool March 9, and Queenstown 10, via Halifax 22, with merchandise and passengers, arrived at this port early this morning.

THE CASE OF MILLER.

Comprehensive Summary of the Evidence Elicited.

What Has Been Proven Against Him, and How.

Analysis of the Testimony From the Official Record.

The Statements of the Witnesses Carefully Compared.

Interesting Facts and Figures for Consideration.

The following is a condensation of the evidence taken thus far before the Legislature Committee appointed to investigate the conduct of the insurance department under the superintendency of GEORGE W. MILLER, and is compiled from the official printed document containing the testimony as reported by the official stenographers in attendance upon the Committee during the investigation.

Deputy Superintendent GEORGE B. CRUSCH testified at Albany, on Jan. 23, that a fee of one-fifth of one per cent. had been charged by the Superintendent for the transfer of securities by insurance companies, said fee, unlike all other fees, being appropriated by Superintendent MILLER to his own use; whereas the other fees go toward the maintenance of the Insurance Department. MATHEW ROBERTSON, the book-keeper, proved that $4,806 46 had been recorded as collected for this purpose, and the Superintendent claimed the money in consequence of the act not specifying that it should be paid into the State Treasury. This fee was not charged until MILLER came into office. The Superintendent's salary is $7,000 per year. The same witness also proved that no account was kept in the Insurance Department of amounts charged for examinations of insurance companies, and that, as the Insurance law did not regulate what the Commissioners' fees should be, they might charge what they pleased.

The Superintendent kept no record of the Insurance Department of his movements, and consequently nothing was there known officially of them.

The same witness testified that MILLER engaged R. A. SOUTHWICK to be one of the Commissioners to examine companies, and J. D. PARSONS, on March 5, testified in New-York that SOUTHWICK'S brother, HY. C. SOUTHWICK, inquired of him where the best perquisites of the Insurance Department could be found, and was informed "in the examination of companies." The son of the witness testified at Albany on March 20 that MILLER had himself made a similar inquiry. Several witnesses testified that SOUTHWICK charged exorbitant sums for such examinations, varying from $140 for an hour's work to $1,000. MATHEW ROBERTSON testified that the Superintendent could order examinations as often as he saw fit, and charge for them

ing, which only occupied a few hours' time, and were both made without the request of the Company.

OLIVER A. DRAKE, the Secretary, on Feb. 19, testified that the first examination cost $600.

JOHN HOGEMAN, Vice-President of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, testified on Feb. 6, that MILLER, with BRIGGS, CARR, BRYANT, TALCOTT and others, examined that Company in April and May, 1871. MILLER called for an increase of capital, $50,000, which was added to the $300,000. On June 3, 1871, MILLER gave a receipt for $1,000, the receipt setting forth that it was for expenses only, but no expenses or items were rendered. The Company gave CARR $100 extra for special services, and $200 to DAVID ROWLAND for alleged influence with MILLER. Two witnesses testified that the receipt and document signed by the [illegible] MILLER [illegible] signature.

JAMES L. DAWS, formerly Vice-President of the Standard Life Insurance Company, on Feb. 8, testified his Company was examined, without request, during January or February, 1871, by SOUTHWICK. [illegible] SOUTHWICK. [illegible] twenty-four hours, and $500 was paid to SOUTHWICK, he representing himself as the Attorney of the Insurance Department. The report was not received for two months after, and was then signed by MILLER, the delay ruining the Company.

FREDERICK A. CONKLING, on Feb. 2, testified that he had been in Albany six or eight hours' work in examining the Ætna Insurance Company, after the Chicago fire.

WILLIAM E. MAYNE, Secretary of the Corn Exchange Fire Insurance Company, on Feb. 16, test fied that SOUTHWICK made an examination in October, 1870, occupying one hour, and charged $100, but subsequently on Nov. 11, [illegible] ber, 1871, MILLER personally made an examination in consequence of the Chicago fire, occupying a short time, and was paid a check for $150. The check was produced, indorsed by MILLER.

GEORGE N. SAVAGE, President of the International Fire Insurance Company, on Feb. 8, testified that MILLER came to New-York in November, 1871, in consequence of the Chicago fire, employing only one afternoon, and was paid. MILLER left a certificate.

JAMES H. FROTHINGHAM, President of the World Life Insurance Company, testified, on Feb. 8, that SOUTHWICK made an examination in November, 1871, occupying less than one day, for which he received $200 by check.

CHARLES J. MARTIN, President of the Home Fire Insurance Company, on Feb. 9, testified that the Company was examined by MILLER & SOUTHWICK, and $600 was paid. In November, 1871, after the Chicago fire, the Company was again examined, and in December when the assessments to repair the capital, MILLER and EDDIDGE were this time engaged in the work, but although the certificate was received on Dec. 27, no money had been paid, although a check was drawn for it.

GEORGE ELLIOTT, formerly Vice-President and Secretary of the Asbury Life Insurance Company, testified, on Feb. 9, that the Company was examined in April, 1871, by SOUTHWICK and BRIGGS, occupying about three days. There was no bill, but $600 was paid with a check; but as SOUTHWICK objected to his name appearing on the check, it was drawn in bank. The examination was not solicited, and he saw no report; MILLER called, and suggested the impairment of capital should be made up. He did not appeal to MILLER about the charge, as he believed they—MILLER and his agents—were all one.

J. J. BERNS, of the Andes Insurance Company of Cincinnati, testified, on Feb. 9, that the Company was examined by E. E. SICKLES in November, 1871, at the instance of the Albany Department, the work occupying part of two days and costing $300.

RICHARD G. GRAHAM, President of the Metropolitan Fire Insurance Company, testified, on Feb. 10, that the Company was examined in December, 1870, by SOUTHWICK, who was engaged a week, and accepted $250, after wanting $300.

ALEXANDER STODDARD, general agent for the Germania, Hanover, Niagara and Republic Fire Insurance Companies in this State, on Feb. 10, testified that SOUTHWICK made an examination in October, 1870, occupying one hour, and charged $100, but subsequently on Nov. 11, [illegible] ber, 1871, MILLER personally made an examination in consequence of the Chicago fire, occupying a short time, and was paid a check for $150. The check was produced, indorsed by MILLER.

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GEORGE T. HOPE, President of the Continental Fire Insurance Company, testified, on Feb. 9, that SOUTHWICK made an examination in November, 1871, by MILLER in person

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The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1872.

Amusements This Evening.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—HAMLET. (Italian Opera.)—Miss Christine Nilsson.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.—AS YOU LIKE IT.—Miss Caroline Loraine.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.—PRON-PRON.—Mr. Louis James and Miss Agnes Elliot.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—HUMPTY DUMPTY.—Mr. G. L. Fox and Kinsley Troupe.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.—THE VETERAN.—Mr. Lester Wallack, Miss Rose German.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.—LA BELLE SAUVAGE.—Mrs. John Wood and Mr. Mark Smith.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.—LALLA ROOKH.—Mr. J. H. Stanley, Miss Edith Challis.

ST. JAMES THEATRE.—MARRIAGE.—Mr. Mackaye and Miss Gelswold.

UNION-SQUARE THEATRE.—VARIETY PERFORMANCE.

WOOD'S MUSEUM.—DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE AND CURIOSITIES.—Afternoon and Evening.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS.—EQUESTRIAN, GYMNASTIC AND athletic FEATS.

BRYANT'S OPERA-HOUSE.—NEGRO MINSTRELSY.—FARCES.

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Everybody remembers the enormous frauds in naturalization papers that were perpetrated by the Democratic Party in 1868, and which were only a part of the gigantic scheme of fraud by which the electoral vote of the State was given to HORATIO SEYMOUR and CARL SCHURZ's present ally, FRANK BLAIR. These frauds were subsequently closely investigated, and their methods pretty thoroughly disclosed. They were believed to originate largely in the Supreme Court of the First District, and in the Superior Court. Mr. RUSH C. HAWKINS has introduced a bill, which will come up in a few days, providing for shutting off votes based on these frauds in future elections. It provides that no certificate of naturalization issued by either of the above-named Courts in September or October, 1868, shall be accepted as valid by election officers, unless its validity be tested by an examination before the Court of Common Pleas and approved. If approved, the State pays the costs, if rejected, the possessor of the certificate. The object of the bill is a good one.

It is scarcely probable that Mr. GREELEY will publish the evidence given by Mr. GEORGE BLISS before the Custom-house Committee, and yet that is a pity, for there is plenty of good reading in it. In his declining years Mr. GREELEY appears to think that he has "squelched" an adversary when he has given him a nick-name, more or less childish and absurd. Mr. BLISS has been favored with one of these handles to his name, but it has not quite used him up. He testifies to many facts which show what a disreputable gang was the "Republican" organization manœuvred by TWEED and HANK SMITH, and until very recently presided over by HORACE GREELEY. We advise people to read Mr. BLISS' evidence, if only to see what kind of men they are who now lead the "Anti-Grant" movement in this City. They may also be amused by the appearance of Senator CASSERLY as special advocate for MUDGETT.

A bill to abolish the limitation of legal rates of interest is before the Legislature. We can conceive of no sound argument against its passage. The Usury law is a dead letter so far as its ostensible effect goes, while its operation in aid of extortionists is very powerful. Instead of preventing, it promotes usury, and allows note-shavers to get from twelve to forty-seven per cent. for money for which, if there were no legal obstacles to competition in lending, they could not get more than eight to ten per cent. Moreover, every law that cannot be enforced detracts from the authority of laws that ought to be enforced. In every light the repeal of the Usury law is desirable, and, as it has the support of Mr. ALVORD, we hope he may be able to push it through.

Connecticut.

Our correspondence from Connecticut, this morning, gives a full, able, and candid statement of the progress of the campaign in that State. It will be noticed that in Connecticut, as in New-Hampshire, the Democratic leaders, while clinging servilely to their strict party organization, are fighting with the weapons furnished by discontented Republicans, and seeking with all their strength to get a verdict against the Administration. In other words, they are doing beforehand, and on a small scale, precisely what they will try to do in the national election—that is, to gain power without caring how they gain it, and reserving the means of using it as they choose if they do get it. They are willing to nominate their former professed enemies, stamping them of their sincerity, which was all that made them tolerable; they are willing to [illegible] which they vitally [illegible] by their practice and principles, like the predecessors, civil service reform; they are willing to give up their vertical adhesion to the doctrine of liberty and the perpetuity of the Union; but they are not willing to give up their organization, or resign the power that organization gives them to carry out their real designs.

Now, in all fairness and courtesy, acknowledging that the mass of the Democratic Party have always been as sincere as the mass of the Republicans, and that very many of them have been as patriotic, is a party controlled by such leaders fit or unfit to be trusted? Those leaders ask the people of Connecticut to say that the Administration ought to be surrendered to a party composed mainly of Democrats. Can the people of Connecticut fairly say any such thing? Grasping, for the moment, that some of the blame cast on the Republican Administration is deserved, is a party that thus presents so clear a case of false pretences likely to do any better? The Republican Party has, in the main, done well. That is not to be disputed. In the old State Governments where it has been in power, it has an excellent record. In Connecticut itself the Democratic Convention could not find a word to say against its conduct of State affairs. In the National Government it has fully met the demands of the people in the essential points of reconstruction, economy, reduction of the debt, reduction of taxation, maintenance of the national credit, and conduct of foreign affairs. Is a party without one single principle to carry out in national administration, with the ugly record of Tammany to show its real attitude toward political virtue, and now trying to skulk into power under false colors—is such a party to be trusted to do better than the Republican Party? Supposing that there is hanging on the skirts of the Government a fringe of self-seeking politicians, have these politicians ever done anything more suspicious, more discreditable to the party they act with, than the Democratic leaders are now doing systematically all over the country, and doing with special boldness in Connecticut?

The organs of the "Liberal" Republicans are seeking to persuade the voters of Connecticut that it makes no difference which way they vote on Monday next. But if the voters should adopt this view so far as to allow the Democratic candidates to be elected, they would immediately discover that it made a great deal of difference. It would instantly be claimed that such a result was not a mere expression of disapproval of the Republican State Administration, but a vote of want of confidence in the Republican National Administration. The Democrats have made national issues the only issues in Connecticut. When the "Liberal" organs try to persuade the people to disregard this fact, it is because they know that such a course would help the Democrats. The people of Connecticut cannot safely follow such suggestions. They must fairly answer the demand made of them by the Democrats, and say whether they would rather give the National Government to a bad party on the strength of death-bed professions of reform, or continue it in the hands of a party that has been tried and not found wanting. Any considerable change in the vote of Connecticut will inevitably be interpreted as bearing on this question, and the voters must expect that their action, whatever it may be, will affect that interpretation. On the 1st of April they vote to strengthen a good Republican Administration, or to help a very transparent Democratic trick.

A "Picturesque Outlook."

In reading the two admirable letters recently addressed to the Commissioners of Parks by Messrs. VAUX and OLMSTED, the designers and constructors of the Central Park, and then the plans and purposes of Messrs. SWEENY and HILTON, as expressed in their costly report just issued (with a protest) by the Commissioners, one has somewhat of the feeling which all lovers of beauty would have if the Commissioners of the Metropolitan Museum of Art announced their purposes "to improve and correct" their glorious picture of RUBENS.

We need not be informed by these distinguished "landscape-painters" that the Park was a picture, a work of art, with a purpose, a unity, and with every accessory carefully designed and inserted—the whole public felt that instinctively. Yet it is valuable and interesting to have these artists analyze and unfold their work, so that coming generations and future guardians of this "painting on the ground" may preserve it intact, and with its design and effects unobstructed. In studying their careful explanation of the plan and purpose of their picture, one is not more struck with their sense of harmony and power of producing it, than with their profound sympathy with the popular wants which made this work necessary. Comparing their truly "democratic" feeling for the needs of the masses in this overcrowded City, their careful and exquisite contrivances for meeting these wants, and their wonderful skill in constructing a work of art out of such difficult materials—comparing all this, we say, with the ignorant conceit, the atrocious carelessness, the blunders and blemishes shown in the above administration of SWEENY and HILTON, we can only be grateful that the Tammany Ring did not take it, before it had utterly destroyed the most beautiful thing in New-York.

What Messrs. VAUX and OLMSTED always kept in view in their original design, and in the subsequent filling up of it, was the period a hundred years before them, when, as they say, "a thinner wall" of stone houses should line both sides of this green retreat and the hurry and bustle of two or three millions of people should beat and surge around its rural borders. They foresaw how then, amid miles of crowded streets and lofty houses, there would be the only quiet green spot where the tired and worn citizen could breathe pure air, look on green and flowers and trees, [illegible] dusty, dreary City. Thought this and they turned their whole genius, [illegible] to save the future citizen from the sin of doubt, they introduced their most original feature—the sunken roads. To guard his eye from the discordant spectacle of brown-stone fronts, they planted the borders of the Park or the edges of the walks with screens of wood and shrubbery.

Glimpses were given him through undergrowth of forest green meadows; and he was taken out of the stately avenues close, to the forest labyrinth of the "Ramble," with rocks covered with lichens and overgrown with wild vines. Architecture was everywhere subordinated to nature. All shows or public spectacles or places of entertainment were to be held of little account compared with the one great object, of creating a pastoral landscape and a sylvan retreat within the noisy City. Even drives and roads were secondary to the aim of contriving quiet walks, and shady seats, and lonely rambles for the great masses of the town who would naturally be on foot. The prescribed form of the ground, it need not be said, was unfortunate—a narrow and formal parallelogram. It became necessary first of all, wherever possible, to so plant trees as to form a woodside, and thus screen the view of the town from observers within the Park. The City visitor must imagine himself in the country. Then it was of the utmost importance to form of the remaining ground broad, open, tranquil pastoral scenes, so as to favor the imagination as to the distance of the ground from the busy streets. This was difficult, owing both to the form of the plot, and the rocky nature of the ground. Then, beyond these open landscapes, art required more picturesque and obscure scenes, with much detail, so that the mind would be refreshed by an entire contrast of scenery, and by the impression of space and variety, which such different treatment would produce.

In the planning out of walks and drives, great care and skill were necessary. The pedestrians were not to interfere with the driving, and yet they should have here and there the enjoyment of the spectacle it presented. The rambles and walks should as little as possible cross the drives, and the roads for horseback riding should be independent to a great degree of both. Buildings, too, should everywhere be subordinate to the purpose of the Park, and be only a natural feature of a pastoral or rural scene. In only one place could an exception to this be admitted, and that was on the borders of that hideous feature of the Park—the great reservoir. Here, other and more ambitious structures might be erected.

It need not be said that Messrs. SWEENY and HILTON deliberately disregarded all these wise purposes of the design. Demagogues that they were, they claimed a right for every house-owner on the borders of the Park to "have his view uninterrupted;" they broke through the invaluable screen on the edges; they began to break up the only bit of pastoral landscape into vulgar "Zoological Gardens;" they put their rude fingers into the lovely, picturesque scenes, tore up the vines, stripped the rocks, and changed the effect; they began to alter the character of the buildings and make them "more of a credit to the City," and a blemish to the Park; they opened quiet sylvan retreats to the gaze, and changed walks without consideration of disturbing the comfort of foot-travelers; things that were carefully concealed they revealed; and great numbers of buildings were designed or partly constructed by them which would have utterly destroyed the original design of the Park, and made it an eyesore to all lovers of rural beauty.

The public will breathe freely now that these vulgar demagogues are taken out from their places, as "artists or improvers" of the most beautiful work of art in this City. We shall now have the original design carried out in all its harmony of purpose. The Park will more and more become the delight of our tired and overworked population. Here the families of the poor will enjoy a glimpse of flowers, and trees, and green fields and quiet forest nooks; here the weary mechanic, the professional man, the merchant, and, above all, the children of the City, will for a time breathe purer air, and gain a new strength; and they will one and all thank Providence, which saved this lovely scene from the vandals of Tammany, and gave it again into the hands of artists, to whom it has been a labor of love to create and beautify it.

The Miller Case.

The abstract of the evidence in the Miller case, (so far as it has gone,) which we publish this morning, will serve to show the public whether we have made attacks upon the Insurance Superintendent, which are unwarranted and unjust. It is proved that MILLER received a percentage on the transfer of securities, and applied it to his own use, instead of accounting for it to the State. Mr. MILLER produces an "opinion" from Judge REYNOLDS supporting him in this course, but no State officer can be found to approve of it, and it was never adopted until Mr. MILLER came into office. It is proved that heavy fees were exacted from the insurance companies for examinations, and that in some cases additional fees were demanded before these companies could obtain their certificates. It is sworn to that one company at least was forced by MILLER's treatment of it. It is proved that MILLER's agents demanded a commission of twenty-five per cent on printing done for the Insurance Department, and that the printers were told the work would be taken away from them if the said commission was not paid. There is a very extraordinary story of some remarks of MILLER demanding compensation from a company, which had better be sent in the evidence. It is proved that MILLER kept the funds of the Insurance Department in his own name, and that the State received no interest from those deposits, although they amounted to from [illegible] to [illegible] dollars. Certainly to [illegible] at large. Certainly to [illegible] Superintendent Chapman testified that he paid $5,000 for an examination, and that MILLER unnecessarily injured companies by holding them to a liability which did not exist, while he threw out assets which did exist. MILLER had the power to injure a company, right or wrong, and witness thought he had injured the life companies millions of dollars by throwing the business, through his policy, into other States." The President of the Mutual Protection Life Insurance Society deposed that he had paid one thousand dollars for an examination. "Although he knew that the price was high, he also thought it good policy to pay it, as other companies were paying large amounts." The Vice-President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company testified that he paid MILLER $2,000 for an examination in 1870. A large mass of similar evidence was given—we need not repeat it here, since it is all set forth in another column. To our minds, it is perfectly conclusive of the main charges which we have made. We submit the evidence, compiled without bias from the official reports, to the *Nation*, and other papers, which have assailed us for "exposing" MILLER, at the same time acknowledging that they have not looked into the facts. There is no excuse for them not doing now what they ought to have done at first.

The Charter and Amendments.

The charter of the Committee of Seventy, even with the amendments proposed by the Senate Committee, secures very great opportunities for the people of this City. It gives them a chance, for the first time in many years, of securing a responsible Government, with adequate power, which shall represent with reasonable fairness the entire community. In the Boards of Aldermen the minority not only have a fair proportion of the members, but those members can choose their own representatives in most of the Departments. Through the Aldermanic Boards thus constituted, must pass the whole of the business of the City Government, so far as it involves the expenditure of money or the incurring of indebtedness. This of itself is an immense advantage. It simplifies the affairs of the City, and makes it possible to obtain from one source some complete and accurate idea of the way in which they are being conducted.

The local Legislature is precisely what such a body ought to be. It is the agent of the people for the exercise of those general powers, and all of them, which belong to the people of a city. It determines the amount of money to be raised, adjusts the taxes by which it is to be raised, directs the ends for which it shall be expended, and apportions the amounts which each of the subordinate branches shall use. In the exercise of these important powers, the Mayor participates by the employment of the veto power. In the simplification of the Government thus attained, there is great reason to hope for increased efficiency, while many a door to fraud, flung wide open by the Tweed Charter, is peremptorily closed and barred. For years the tax-payers of this City have been pouring money into the hands of the tax-collectors, in amounts whose limit they had no means of fixing, for purposes they had no means of ascertaining. This money has been expended by a half dozen sets of men, guided by no proper supervision, responsible to no one for the details of their action, and substantially possessing despotic powers with reference to the property of citizens. Each board had its own treasurer, received its money in a lump, and spent it at will—generally the whole of it in the first half of the year, leaving the expenses of the latter half to be a mortgage on the revenues of the next twelve-month.

To all this the new charter puts an end. Every Department must have its funds appropriated by the Board of Aldermen; it must then draw its moneys from and return its vouchers specifically to one Department—that of finance; and in the proceedings of the Aldermen, and the transactions of the Finance Department, both of which are to be regularly published, is to be found a complete record of the City Government.

Of the amendments to the charter, the most important is that placing the appointment of the Commissioners of Public Safety, having charge of the Departments of Police, Fire, and Health, in the hands of Judges CURTIS and SEDGWICK. Of the motive in thus attempting to elevate these Departments above the reach of political changes, we have already expressed our approval. The consummation is devoutly to be wished. But we have grave doubts of the wisdom of the method proposed. The Judges of the Superior Court, in whose hands this appointing power is lodged, were not selected for any such purpose. In asking them to make important appointments to office, there is a glaring contradiction to the general principle of our State Constitution, and to the principle of the charter on which it is proposed to engraft this change. Patronage in any shape is a bad thing for a Judge to touch, and patronage of the very great extent contemplated in this amendment is specially bad. The Board of Public Safety will have the immediate selection and control of some two thousand men in the Police, some twelve hundred men in the Fire Department, and several hundred men in the Health Department. The Judges, therefore, will indirectly determine the disposition of a power greater than that of the Governor of the State, and great enough, under ordinary conditions, to control the politics of the City, or even, in close elections, of the State. We submit, with all respect to the excellent gentlemen who are contemplated in the act, that such power is not proper in a Judge's office in the first instance, and that the precedent established is magnificently bad.

Substituting the amendment substituting two Boards of Aldermen for one, we would suggest, in case of its adoption, that one of [illegible] moral purpose, it is in every way beneficial. The repetition of old and [illegible] their dignity to stimulate such manner by public aid and patronage. In the England of the present, if we may credit Mr. WILKIE COLLINS, such encouragement is hardly needed, but rather the reverse. Yet it is hard to believe that in an age of such intense intellectual activity as ours, any disciplined effort toward physical culture can well be misplaced or overdone. Even fox-hunting, which many denounce as a needlessly cruel pastime, is not without its merits. It helps to relieve the farmer of a very vexatious and cankerous pest, and nourishes that hardy temper and love of horsemanship for which the English country gentleman is honorably noted. Perhaps it may not be regarded as an eminently desirable sport for women, especially in view of its very great risks. Only a week or two ago, the daughter of the Duchess of ROXBURGHE in leaping a fence, was thrown from her horse and so shockingly injured as to endanger her life. Yet making all allowances, it may be better for the physical and, indeed, moral well-being of our own fair country-women, when they shall value a sure seat in the saddle as highly as a graceful step in the waltz.

Even fox-hunting we can appreciate and sympathize with in a country where its delights are, at most, only an imperfect tradition, and where an attempt to follow the hounds within civilized limits would be met with writs of trespass and arrests. In horse racing, too, we are beginning to find amusement and utility combined, and the enthusiasm which almost depopulates London to do honor to "Derby Day" is simulated in the crowds that twice a year New-York sends forth to the pleasant hillsides of Jerome Park. One English sport, however, is not only unknown here, but its attractions even are not easy to understand. Coursing, or the running of matched greyhounds after hares, is a pastime of comparatively recent origin in Great Britain, but today its popularity is already immense. The annual coursing for the Waterloo Cup at Alicar, near Liverpool, creates almost as great an excitement as the Derby itself, and indeed it is commonly called the "Dog Derby." This year it is computed that nearly thirty thousand spectators attended for three days to see the running of the hounds, sixty-four in number, and for many days before and after the event, the English Press has been full of it.

One reason of this wide-spread interest in a diversion which at first sight seems as meagre as it is unfeeling, is undoubtedly in the facilities it gives for betting. Horse-racing is uncertain enough, but coursing appears to be infinitely more so. Besides speed and bottom to distance his antagonist, the successful greyhound must have peculiar skill in catching and killing the quarry, while the strength or fortune of the hare contribute additional elements of doubt. The odds are, therefore, always very great, the winning dog this year having no less than forty or fifty to one against him. It is even asserted by that distinguished personage, "eminent sporting authority," that "a larger sum may be won by a small outlay on the Waterloo Cup" than on any English horse-race.

Again, rivalry runs high between the three Kingdoms, and in England proper between the northern and southern counties, upon the superiority of their greyhounds. This, too, assists in no slight degree to inflame the popular interest. Up to the present year, the undisputed champion was an Irish dog owned by Lord LURGAN, the famous Master McGarth, who had on three successive occasions carried off the Waterloo Cup against all competitors. But a short time ago this redoubtable courser died, and the victory went this year, after a hard and doubtful struggle, to the representative of the North of England. Enormous sums of money are supposed to have changed hands on the result, and the owners of the sixty-three beaten hounds have gone home lighter in pocket, but each cherishing at heart a stronger conviction of his favorite's superiority.

Here is an amusement which we may be content to wonder at and to leave where we find it. Unlike horses, the animals used for coursing supply nothing to man's convenience or happiness, and the sole reason of their existence is the heartless pursuit and destruction of the most timid and helpless of animals. There may be delights in the spectacle which only the initiated know, but to the impartial observer, the pleasure experienced from seeing a certain number of fierce, swift dogs run down and mangle a certain other number of frightened hares, seems neither very creditable nor very elevating.

MINOR TOPICS.

President THIERS is to continue, apparently, during the recess of the National Assembly to enjoy the very non-republican powers of a military dictatorship in Paris. The Committee of the Assembly have reported against raising the state of siege from that unfortunate city, which, after being beleaguered by the Germans, and bombarded by the national troops, is still hampered in its legal entrenchments from which at any moment M. THIERS may resume the exercise of the most despotic power. It is a curious commentary on the condition of the public mind in France, that its National Legislature cannot leave its Executive in Paris a few weeks without binding the city and laying it at his feet. It would seem that there is not only no real republic in France, but no material, in places or rules, from which to construct one.

If the Superintendent of the Fourth-avenue Railroad really desires to put a stop to the complaints of the public, he has only to order his drivers—and see that they obey orders—to make the time between the Astor House and Forty-second-street in thirty minutes. There is no difficulty in a driver "making time," if he must.

The Portland (Me.) *Press* relates that Mr. MAY and Senator SUMNER happened to meet each other at Washington, and that the following conversation took place: "Sumner says to May, 'You won't make any more speeches of an hour.' 'Are you sure?' 'Because you cut up so badly.' 'Well, I'll tell you how it was. I was tired to death, and I had a cold, and I was hoarse, and I was sick, and I was—' 'Yes, I know all about it, and I'll tell you how it was. You had a cold, and you were hoarse, and you were sick, and you were—' 'Well, what?' 'Why, you were—you were—you were—

A BRIGHT SUNDAY.

The First Spring Day—Cheerful Sunshine and Thronged Streets—Scenes and Sentiments.

Yesterday proved to be a very pleasant and cheerful day. The sun rose clear and bright, and quite warm. The sky was deliciously blue, and bits of transparent white cloud flecked the firmament, and lazily drifted toward the east before a faint breeze. The house-tops were bathed all day in bright sunshine, and when viewed from the roof of the Tribune Building, during the afternoon, the City presented a sense of rare beauty. Here and there a flag waved, and the tin on the steeples of the churches glittered. The snow had all disappeared so the outlines of the buildings, as they lay in a mass before the eye, could be easily followed and marked out. Here and there some prominent or public building loomed above its fellows, and the view was really inspiring. On either side of the City the rivers glistened as the ripples caught the sunshine, and the shipping were a holiday, though deserted, look. The ferry-boats passed to and fro with their living freight, giving animation to the picture, while no sign of ice-floes could be found. Now and then some sailing craft slowly moved before the slight breeze, telling of delays and contrary winds, and an anxiety of the masters to make a haven. From the masts of the shipping, lying so quietly at the piers on the North and East Rivers, fluttered occasional flags, nearly all being those of foreign nations. The red cross of England predominated, while the tri-color of France could be discerned, here and there, contrasting in close proximity to the banner of the German Empire, with its dark bands of red, yellow and black. The Stars and Stripes floated gaily, though infrequently, a sad commentary upon the paucity of American shipping. The flags of United Italy were there, and also those of South America and Peru. The wilderness of masts and ropes was frequently relieved by drooping and flapping unbent sails as they dried in the sunshine.

Looking across the East River, a glimpse of Brooklyn was obtained, the eye being insensibly carried back by the panorama of house-tops until it touched upon woods yet unclothed with verdure. Turning toward Gowanus Bay the white monuments in Greenwood Cemetery could be distinctly discerned, while beneath, the massive store-houses at the Atlantic docks looked like fortresses with their grim stone walls and narrow windows, all barred and closed with iron shutters. The river front of Brooklyn afforded a pleasant prospect despite the deserted warehouses that line the wharves; or above and behind them were the handsome residences and the city. The navy-yard appeared to be hiding itself in Wallabout Bay, though the huge ship-houses and the long rows of dismantled ordnance could be seen. A man-of-war or two lay in the river, and behind them were some monitors, looking very rusty and forlorn. Black muzzles were, with a glass, found to be great heaps of cannon-balls and shells, while further on the canal betrayed its presence by the vessels lying in it. Governor's Island was a very pleasant item in the scene, as it lay in the glistening water, with its forts, earthworks and barracks scattered about the award that already looked green in the distance. Staten Island, Bedloe's Island and Jersey City also seemed to revel in the warm sunlight and added to the prospect, while away down the harbor the varied outlines of Fort Lafayette were faintly visible.

But it was in the streets of the City that the day appeared most pleasant. Thousands of people were abroad, the greater part preferring a stroll to riding in the cars. Broadway was very lively with the crowds of persons who promenaded up and down. Bright bits of color, on bonnet or dress, appeared still brighter in the sunshine, while an air of gayety and enjoyment was worn by all. The Bowery was also attractive with throngs of gayly-dressed people, and the German concert-saloons were crowded. In the lower wards, multitudes of children swarmed the sidewalks, betraying the crowded condition of that portion of the City, and groups of naughty boys broke the Sabbath by playing marbles in warm corners. Up-town the avenues were even more brilliant, though not more crowded than other thoroughfares, and the scenes were quite interesting, especially at the time when the various church congregations were dispersing. Handsomely and richly-dressed ladies were there, revelling in the fabrics of every nation, from the silks of France to the costly and rare productions of India. Blue veils, bright ribbons and masses of artificial flowers gave color and tone to the crowds of people, while the gentlemen had evidently adopted Spring fashions. Happy children were to be seen, without care or trouble on their minds, and like children, all delighted at the return of genial weather. The animation visible in the avenues was also due to the gorgeous equipages that passed rapidly, the horses, sleek and contented, seemingly sharing in the general welcome to fair Spring and her attendants. Go where you would, the fact that yesterday was Palm Sunday was forced upon you by the ever-recurring presence of bits of evergreen, carried in hand by fashionable or jaunty stuck in hats of the sterner sex. The sight of these fragments of holly, cedar or hemlock was very pleasant to the eye of the observer, and the day wore a softer look and had a more reverent air at one thought of the scene enacted over eighteen hundred years ago. Probably few who thus carried palm yesterday bestowed a thought upon the significance of these humble emblems, yet the possession of them betrayed the reverence and instinctive love of the human heart for a better and purer life than that found on earth. How natural it seems for man to have recourse to nature for his symbols, when love or peace is to rule the hour. The dove carries the olive-branch to Noah, and a green bough is now the sign of peace throughout the world. Flowers are scattered in the paths of brides, as they were thrown under the feet of WASHINGTON when he re-entered New-York at the close of the war that made us a nation and a power upon the earth. And then it will remain for all time.

There were not wanted sounds yesterday to enliven the streets of the City. The railroad cars rattled to and fro, loose rails giving occasional emphasis to the noise of their rapid motion, while the never-ceasing tinkle of the bells gave a musical sound to the racket. In front of the City Hall large crowds of children assembled, where they enjoyed themselves without fear of truck or hack. Loud was their laughter as they ran about, sounding very pleasantly as its echo came through open windows. The chimes of Trinity Church had all their brilliancy, no drizzling mist or fast-falling snow being present to dazzle or confuse their notes, while an occasional sharp whistle from a steam-boat told of the Sunday travel so necessary in a large City like New-York. A military funeral during the afternoon afforded a change in the many scenes of the day. The solemn music, keeping time with muffled drum to the mournful roll and tap of drums, as the majestic march, the thoughtful spectator meditated on the vanities of this world, despite the pomp and circumstance then passing before his eyes. The body of an honored officer was being borne to its last resting-place with all the honor military rank and life records it; yet how simply seemed the parade in the presence of death and the surrounding friends. Hark! the accompanying drums are muffled and the dirge-like music is as well as martial sound. The bared heads have taken leave of the dead, and are now returning to barracks, stepping high and proud, while the sad music, suited to a holiday parade, fades in low and solemn joy, and joy and pleasure come back again, only to be soon solicited once more by sorrow. Life is out of chaos. Today we live; tomorrow, we die.

Many thousands who were present in 1861 at the surrender of Fort Sumter, no doubt, recollected that that important act was in our history commenced on Palm Sunday, though it happened in April. The thoughts of those exciting days naturally gave Palm Sunday additional interest in the minds of old soldiers who remembered the many dollars' worth of clothing that were drawn from the quartermaster while in going as a regiment to Kelly's Low.

The sun has distinctly returned, and it would seem that the advent of Spring, so long delayed by inclement weather and disappointable snow, is now at last to be enjoyed. Then will the trees bud and sun forth their leaves, the green grass shoot up, and the quickening influences of nature spring forth. But here in New-York we usually have to greatly endure warm weather, for our streets are villey dirty, the gutters choked, and the sewers stinks. Now our thoroughfares are full of mud, and very dirty. In few more days of sunshine and change of dust will rise the garbage heaps remaining with pestiferous odors, and nuisance and death be bred in their midst. In the name of Heaven, in deference of adhere to the presence of Boards of Health and Sewerage, great Metropolis! Are we ever to be thus in this pleasant City of New-York? Is there no relief?

THE RENT QUESTION.

Continued Scarcity of Tenantable Houses—The Supply Not Equal to the Demand—How Rents will Change in 1872.

In the vast City of New-York, just at this season of the year, a vague and undefined feeling seems to pervade many of its inhabitants. Like birds, they are possessed with a peculiar migratory instinct. The thousand and one accidents peculiar to human life in all large centres of population, are apparently increased in New-York; so much so, that we have no reason to doubt, but that changes of domicile are more frequent in this City, than in any place in the world. A fortune is apparently within the grasp of some one; the modest house on one of the side streets is abandoned, and the household goods are removed to some more fashionable thoroughfare, at twice the rent before paid. Hi luck comes before the year is out, and those quarters are abandoned and a cheaper home is required, or the family increases in number and more spacious premises are necessary.

With the widely differing fortunes, from the salary of the clerk up to the income of the millionaire, one is forced, when examining closely into this subject, to come to the conclusion that while houses adapted to the wants of richer classes are the more numerous, those suitable to people with small purses are wanting. Of course that peculiar enchanted limit east of Broadway and west of Fourth-avenue, extending as far up as Sixteenth-street, an area capable of containing say 25,000 people, being considered the best quarter of the City, has nothing within its sacred precincts rentable for less than $2,000 on an average, but on examining the side streets, commencing even as far down as Ninth-street and Broadway, ranging both east and west, it is hard to find anything like a comfortable house, in good repair, with modern improvements, for less than from $2,000 to $2,500 per annum.

A thorough research into this matter, is one attended with no small amount of difficulty. Reports on this subject are too frequently made where personal feelings give tone to the article. That many pockets are pretty well depleted by the high cost of rent is very evident, as is also the fact (but not as frequently admitted,) that the average New-York tenant generally is willing to pay for the use of a house very much in excess of the just proportion his income allows. Articles, all tending to show how rapacious are landlords, how exacting are proprietors, how public feeling is outraged, how it is only necessary for people wanting houses to hold out as a body rather than submit to imposition, are of little avail. People, notwithstanding these newspaper appeals, do not as a rule leave the City, do not camp in the streets, or en masse to Jersey City, or Brooklyn or Hoboken. Landlords and house-agents are not affected in the least by them, and when the house is to be changed and a new one into be rented, one and all, both landlords and tenants, are governed by the same principle which regulates the price of sugar, or horses, or houses, and that is the law of supply and demand. If houses are plenty and tenants scarce, rents must tumble; if houses are scarce, and those wishing to occupy them numerous, rents will rise. No matter what our wishes may be, we are forced to the conclusion that, with some slight modifications rather of an exceptional character and by no means affecting the general results, rents are not a whit lower than they were this time last year. In some quarters rents are at a stand-still; in others attempts at a raise in prices have been resisted, and with success, though for small houses, ranging in price of from $1,200 to $1,500 even up to $1,800, the cost of rentral in many cases has been augmented. The demand for this latter class of house seems larger than ever. The reason for the increase of price may be solved in this way: Business generally for the past year, when not actually entailing loss in legitimate trade, has produced but meagre results. People whose rental was $2,000 or $2,500 have in many cases been forced to retrench. They are willing to take a smaller house at $2,000, though perfectly aware that they have to pay $300 to $500 more than it is worth, consoling themselves, however, with the certainty that they are saving $1,000.

Individual cases of lower rents in all classes of houses can be found, but are not to be taken as criterions of the whole question. Generally it can be found that the former tenants who paid the high prices were ignorant of the value of the house, and that finally the price has come down to its proper level.

There is rather an abundance of furnished houses on the market, perhaps in excess of former years. Taking into consideration the price asked for the use of the furniture, in many cases the rental asked is quite reasonable. This arises from the fact that during the Summer the want for such establishments are rare. After examining the lists of a large number of the real estate brokers having property to rent, one is surprised at the few houses offered, and from the throng of people coming in and making inquiries, it is easily seen that the demand is much greater than the supply. Houses at all prices are asked for, from $1,500 to $5,000; occasionally some were wanted at $1,500 to $2,000, but in this latter case none were procurable. There is a house in Thirty-fourth-street, between Fifth and Madison avenues, which may be taken as the type of the expensive dwelling. It is a handsome brown stone edifice, 25 by 70, on a hundred-foot lot, with stable on a small alley in the rear, and is held firmly at $12,000 per annum, and $11,500 has been refused for it. Near Twenty-seventh-street and Fifth-avenue some slight diminution has been made. Houses renting last year at $8,000 can be now had for $7,500, which is still a high price for them, as they have but little frontage. Throughout the whole of this quarter houses of this price are exceptional, from $2,500 to $12,000 being the usual figures. Going up Madison, Lexington and Fifth avenues an occasional house with a bill to rent on it may be found, but throughout the whole length of these streets probably not exceeding two dozens. This is not to be taken however as including all that are to rent, the real estate agents having lists of those on the market and not labelled. Examining the printed lists of one of the largest of the agents, we find within this locality only eight houses on these avenues to rent, and on running over all the lists, only about fifty-eight houses in all were to rent. As high up as Forty-sixth street, and extending from Fifth-avenue to Madison-avenue, there is a well line of brown-stone buildings almost completed, about twenty in number. The rental to be asked is $4,000. On the cross streets, from Eleventh-street up, prices are somewhat lower, though houses are just as scarce as ever, prices ranging from $3,000 up to $4,000. Further away from Fifth-avenue, or from Lexington-avenue, they are cheaper. Thus, in Thirty-ninth-street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, a house 23 by 65, brown stone, brings $4,000, while the same style of house, with exactly the same frontage, nearer Sixth-avenue, can be had for $3,500. A good deal higher up toward the Bouleva'rd, as high as Seventy-first-street, you may find very nice houses, 20 by 50, at from $1,600 to $1,800. As high up as One Hundred and Sixth-street there are pleasant houses, even with stabling, to be had $100 or so lower.

Second and third rate houses on the east side, according to neighborhood, vary very much in price. We found differences of twenty per cent in houses situated a single street up or down. In this quarter houses and tenes seem to be more at longer heads, and a general clamor for lower rent is heard, which landlords quite as vigorously oppose. Perhaps in this quarter rents are decidedly lower than they have been for the last three years. The supply and demand question here again exerts its power. This portion of the City by the rapid growth of Third-avenue, has somewhat induced over building. The consequence is that there have been many houses to rent with fewer people desirous of taking them. On the west side however, as a counter-balance, no such change is manifest. If prices had not augmented, they were steadily holding their own, and fears were actually expressed by house-keepers of a proclivity to take the third story back parlor in lodgings. Through an extended journey made in every direction, in the best quarters, the second best, and in the poorest quarters, the writer is decidedly of the opinion that rents are no lower than they were. It might be serviceable to any resident did he enumerate the localities, or phophesy that next season there would be a diminution.

One is apt, in looking over the map of New-York and its surroundings, and on reading of the great increase of population in the adjoining cities, to imagine that they are made up exclusively of those who leave New-York on account of high rent and find other places cheaper to live in. To a certain extent this is true, but New-York, like London or Paris, has a great centralizing power, and attracts numerous people from all parts of the world, for purposes of business and pleasure. It is wonderful as it is true, that New-York, even with your, minerals or Jersey City, Brooklyn and Hoboken, continues to increase in population. To attempt a classification of the reasons why this increase of population in the City is very certain.

There are reasons (some of an erratic character) why rents should be lower, but the general tendency of the commercial interest is fast coming up to our, and much greater company every day of the month and side-walks. Of course, there are some for disliking them, as represented by some of the suburban towns, that New-York will soon be a trade-centre, and the whole of the island devoted to business only. But, regardless of some of the first-class which seem to govern the development of cities, it looks as if the metropolitan of the Western Hemisphere. In the midst of these questions a year ago developed only to mentioned, and so we can tell.

A report which, high rents, is supposed by many, will be found in French flats. To the best both, a number of the best flats which are in existence, are occupied by French families, and the proportion

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

At the Exchange, on Saturday, March 23, the legal sales were conducted, as usual, by the officer of the Superior Court as follows, under the direction of JOSEPH HERMAN, referee, the three first named being made by BUSSING, WILKINS & Co., and the last by WM. MINWELLY. Three-story, high-stoop, brownstone front house and lot situate on the north side of One Hundred and Sixteenth-street, and west of Third-avenue, lot 18 by 58, sold for $8,000, and purchased by MATTHEW MOORE. (Should Lexington-avenue be further extended, this property will be made a corner.) Three-story, high-stoop, brown-stone front house and lot on the south side of One Hundred and Twenty-fourth-street, and west of Third-avenue, lot 17 by 100.11, sold for $8,000, and purchased by A. BROWN. [illegible] (since Madison-avenue) and Lexington-avenue, 100 feet north of Sixty-second-street, lot 25 by 100, sold for $10,200, and purchased by BROWN & BARRETT, plaintiffs in the foreclosure action. It being an unusual thing on Saturday to sell real estate at auction, but few persons were in attendance at the Exchange, and but little interest was manifested in the proceedings. This fact will probably account for the low prices realized. The other transactions announced for Saturday were disposed of as follows: Legal sale of house and lot on One Hundred and Fifty-first-street, near Second-avenue, cancelled and property withdrawn from market; legal sale of house and lot on Eighteenth-street, near Lexington-avenue, adjourned until Saturday of the present week; Sheriff's sale of lots on Eleventh-avenue, postponed until today; and Sheriff's sale of premises No. 41 Irving-place, postponed until to-morrow.

THE BUSINESS OF LAST WEEK.

In consequence of the extreme length of our list of sales published below, we can only give in the briefest terms to the business transacted during the past week. The following is a summary: Total value of City real estate sold at the Exchange for the week ending with Saturday, March 23, $633,125. Total for week previous, ending with Saturday, March 16, $691,181. Total for Thursday, March 21, $45,125. JOHNSON sold 100 Brooklyn lots for about $50,000 in the aggregate, and on Thursday, March 21, improved Brooklyn realty to the value of $20,600; also, twenty-two Williamsburg building lots for $20,000. On the last-named day MULLER, WILKINS & Co. also offered at auction some 300 lots, situated in Morris-heights, Bronx County, of which thirty-five only were sold, at an average of $2,300 apiece, when the balance were withdrawn, the prices realized being considered by the owners of the property below its value. Messrs. MULLER & Co. also offered, on Tuesday, the dock and warehouse property in Brooklyn, known as the Wall-street ferry, B, C, D and E, which we on the preceding day reported as sold for $249,000. This we have since been informed by the auctioneers was not a fact, as the bid at which the premises were knocked down was made for the owners; the estimated value of the property not being reached, no transfer of title was effected. As a whole, the result of the week's transactions cannot be said to be a very satisfactory one, for although the market has been moderately active, the sales generally have not been attended with that success which was expected, and which the merits of the real estate offered deserved. It is to be hoped that during the present week a better feeling will prevail, and that more spirit will characterize the bidding at the daily public sales.

SALES FOR THE PRESENT WEEK.

For this week, on the days noted, at the Exchange, unless otherwise stated, the following auctions are announced to occur, at which real estate as described will be offered for sale by the auctioneers respectively named:

Today, (Monday,) March 25.

By MULLER, WILKINS & Co., at public auction, the four-story brick-stoop house, on the front lot, and three-story brick house and lot in the rear, situate on the north side of West Forty-third-street, between Sixth-avenue and Broadway, known as No. 127; house about 25 feet deep; lot 25.6 by 100.4. The three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the easterly side of Bogardus-street, about 50 feet north west of the Bowery, known as No. 4; the store, which is four stories on the front and five stories on the rear, covering the entire lot, and now used as a furniture warehouse; lot 20 by 50 feet. And the following building lots, all full size: One lot on the easterly side of Ninth-avenue, 75.3 feet north of Ninety-eighth-street; 100 feet east of Twelfth-avenue; one lot on the south side of Ninety-ninth-street, 250 feet west of Eighth-avenue; four lots on the north side of Ninety-fourth-street and Ninety-fifth-street; one lot on the north side of Sixty-second-street, 100 feet west of Ninth-avenue; and one lot on the south side of Eleventh-avenue and Sixty-fifth-street, 100 feet east of Eleventh-avenue; and one lot on the south side of Eighth-avenue, having a front on the street of 12 feet 3 inches, with a depth on the east line of 11 inches.

By A. J. BLEECKER, SON & Co., by order of the Supreme Court in foreclosure, under the direction of PEDRO T. RUGGLES, Esq., referee, the unsold part of the one-story brick-front house and lot situate on the south side of Sixty-second-street, 100 feet west of Ninth-avenue; lot 20 by 100.

By ALEX. D. MILLIGE, JR., & BRAIN, FANCY, A. A., by order of J. P. [illegible], Esq., referee in foreclosure, a desirable dwelling-house, together with the adjoining lot, situated on the north side of Fifty-second-street, 275 feet east of Ninth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Fifty-second-street, 100 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Fifty-second-street, 125 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Fifty-second-street, 150 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Fifty-second-street, 175 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the south side of Fifty-second-street, 200 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the north side of Fifty-second-street, 275 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the north side of Fifty-second-street, 300 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the north side of Fifty-second-street, 325 feet west of Tenth-avenue; lot 25 by 100.5. Also, the three-story and basement brick house and lot situate on the north side of Fifty-second-street,

SHIPPING.

NATIONAL LINE.

WEEKLY TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL FORTNIGHTLY TO ALEXANDRIA FROM LONDON DIRECT.

TO QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.
SPAIN, Grace.....Saturday, March 16, at 4 P. M.
ENGLAND, Lewis.....Saturday, March 23, at 2 P. M.
FRANCE, Thomson, Saturday, April 13, at 8 A. M.
EGYPT, Gordon, Saturday, April 20, at 3 P. M.
FOR LONDON DIRECT.
DENMARK, Sumner, Wednesday, April 10, at 7 A. M.
[illegible]
Prepaid steerage tickets from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry, Glasgow or London, $22 currency.
For further particulars apply at the Company's offices, No. 69 Broadway.
PETER C. SUPST, Manager.

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Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF BALTIMORE.....Wednesday, Mar. 20, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BOSTON.....Wednesday, Mar. 27, 8 A. M.
CITY OF LONDON.....Wednesday, April 3, 8 P. M.
CITY OF MONTREAL.....Saturday, April 6, 1 P. M.
CITY OF ANTWERP.....Wednesday, April 10, 8 A. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, April 13, 8 A. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
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Payable in Gold.	Payable in Currency.
First cabin.....$75	Steerage.....$30
To London.....$80	To London.....$32
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Passengers booked to or from Hamburg, Bremen, Norway and Denmark, at reduced rates.
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Passengers booked and forwarded to and from all railway stations in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Denmark on the lowest rates, safely, speedily, comfortably and cheaply as by any other route or line.
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FROM GLASGOW TO NEW-YORK.
Saturday, Mar. 2. EUROPA. Wednesday, Mar. 27.
Saturday, Mar. 9. IOWA. Saturday, Mar. 30.
Saturday, Mar. 16. ANGLIA. Saturday, April 6.
Saturday, Mar. 23. TRISCANIA. Saturday, April 13.
And an extra steamer of the line every WEDNESDAY thereafter from Pier 20 North River, New-York, at noon.
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THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S NEW MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:
FRESCHE.....Saturday, April 6
ST. LAURENT.....Saturday, April 27
WASHINGTON.....Saturday, May 18
VILLE DE PARIS.....Saturday, May 25.
PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin.....$125 | Second cabin.....$75
Excursion tickets at reduced rates.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
A through ticket can be secured to any point from the Continent of Europe, or taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railway and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
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TO NEW-YORK, CORK AND LIVERPOOL.
NEW AND FIRST-CLASS SEAGOING STEAMSHIPS, THE SIX LARGEST IN THE WORLD.
3,000 tons burden—2,000-horse power each.
Sailing from New-York on SATURDAYS, from Liverpool on THURSDAYS, calling at Cork Harbor each way.
ATLANTIC.....March 30, 9 A. M.
BALTIC.....April 6, 4½ P. M.
REPUBLIC.....April 13, 9 A. M.
From the White Star Dock, Navesink Bay, Jersey City. Passenger accommodations (for all classes) unrivaled, combining
SAFETY, SPEED AND COMFORT.
Saloon, state-rooms, smoking-room and bathrooms in midship section, where least motion is felt. Surgeons and stewardesses accompany these steamers.
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THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

	FROM NEW-YORK.
CUBA	Wednesday, Mar. 27, '72
ALGERIA	Wednesday, April 3, '72
JAVA	Wednesday, April 10, '72
CHINA	Saturday, April 27, '72
RUSSIA	Wednesday, April 24, '72
CALEDONIA	Saturday, April 20, '72
ABYSSINIA	Saturday, April 27, '72
BATAVIA	Saturday, May 4, '72
ALGERIA	Saturday, May 11, '72
PARTHIA	Saturday, May 18, '72

and every following WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY from New-York.
RATES OF PASSAGE.
Cabin, $80, Steerage $30, gold, according to accommodation.
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Return tickets on favorable terms.
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THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY as follows:
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Mar. 27, at 2½ P. M.
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MANHATTAN, Capt. J. B. PRICE.....April 10, at 2½ P. M.
WISCONSIN, Capt. T. B. LEMAR.....April 17, at 2½ P. M.
NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....April 24, at 2½ P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WEITBRECHT.....May 1, at
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VIA PANAMA,
CARRYING MAILS, PASSENGERS AND STRAIGHT TO
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Steamers leave 15th and 30th each month, except when those dates fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
March 30—Steamer OCEAN QUEEN, Capt. JESS. MAURY, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall, connecting at Panama with steamer ALASKA, Capt. ——, and also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for interior points received until 4 P. M. of March 29.
Steamer GREAT REPUBLIC will leave San Francisco April 1, 1872, for Japan and China. For rates of passage, freight and all further information, apply at Company's office on 7th inst., foot of Canal st.
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NORTH AMERICA, Capt. WHELDEN.....March 23
MERRIMACK, Capt. C. R. SLOCUM.....April 23
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. TOWLES.....May 23
Steamers touch at Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco, Bahia and Para, and connect at St. Thomas with the Royal Mail Steamers for Southampton, touching at Vigo, Spain, and Lisbon, Portugal.
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ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
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CITY OF MERIDA, Capt. A. VANDERVEER, April 4.
MISSOURI, Capt. T. H. MORGAN, April 18.
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HERMAN LIVINGSTON, Capt. CHESEBROUGH, THURSDAY, March 21, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
SAN SALVADOR, Capt. NICKERSON, SATURDAY, March 23, from Pier No. 1 North River, at 3 P. M.
MONTGOMERY, Capt. [illegible], SATURDAY, March 30, from Pier No. 1 North River, at 3 P. M.
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CITY OF VERA CRUZ, Thursday, April 4.
CITY OF MERIDA, Dockman, Saturday, April 13.
CLEOPATRA, Phillips, Saturday, April 20.
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RAILROADS.

NEW-YORK CENTRAL & HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.
Commencing on Sunday, Nov. 12, 1871, Through Trains will leave from New Depot, Chambers and 42d st., as follows:
8.30 A. M. Special Chicago Express with Drawing-room cars to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.
10.45 A. M. Northern and Western Express.
3.45 P. M. Special Troy Express, on Saturdays.
4.00 P. M. Montreal Express, with sleeping cars from Albany to Montreal and Ogdensburg.
6.00 P. M. Express, with sleeping-cars for Watertown, Oswego and Ogdensburg.
8.00 P. M. Pacific Express, with sleeping-cars for Rochester, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Toledo, Detroit, St. Louis and Kansas Pacific Railroads, and for St. Louis via Toledo, leaves on Sundays at 6 P. M.
11.00 P. M. Express, with sleeping cars for Troy and Albany.
All local trains running north of Yonkers, leave from new depot. Yonkers Special Trains from 4th st., west side, as heretofore.
G. H. KEMBLE, General Passenger Agent.

LONG ISLAND RAILROAD.
On and after MONDAY, Oct. 30, 1871, trains will leave Jamaica as follows:
6.50 A. M. Long Island mail train.
10.00 A. M. Rockville, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport, Pass train.
3.00 P. M. Riverhead and Sag Harbor Express, through to Greenport on Saturdays.
4.00 P. M. Express trains for Rockville, Glen Cove, Locust Valley, Huntington and Northport.
5.30 P. M. Northport way-train.
All trains connect at Hunterspoint with Ferry.
Sunday trains for Huntington, Northport, Rockville, Glen Cove and Locust Valley leave Hunters Point at 8.00 A. M. and 5 P. M.

STEAMBOATS.

NORTH RIVER AND NEW-YORK STEAM-BOAT COMPANY.—Steamers ADELPHI and ALBANY leave New-York, foot Harrison st., daily, at 4 P. M., for Catskill, Cornwallville, Greenwood, Yonkers, Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Nyack, Sing Sing and Haverstraw. Excursion tickets and packages of twenty-five tickets at reduced rates. All trains and Tarrytown train to connect with Hudson River Railroad trains.

TO BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS on Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Fare, $1. Steamers leave Catharine-slip at 15 noon, Sundays excepted.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE NORTH.—Steamers leave Peck-slip for New-Haven at 2.15 and 11 P. M., connecting with road.

DIVIDENDS.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
DIVIDEND.
New-York Supreme Court.—In the Matter of the Application of the Receiver of the ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—In pursuance of an order of this Court, made and entered in the above entitled action, the undersigned, Receiver of the Astor Fire Insurance Company, the above-named corporation, hereby gives notice to the creditors of the said Company that he will pay a First Dividend of Forty (40) per Cent on all admitted claims against the said Company on and after MONDAY, the 25th day of March, at the office, No. 128 Broadway.
JAMES YERRINGE, Receiver.
NEW-YORK, March 20, 1872.

HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD OFFICE, HARTFORD, March 20, 1872.
NOTICE.
A quarterly dividend of Three Dollars on each share of full stock, and One and 50-100 Dollars on each share scrip stock, free of Government taxes, payable on the books of the company, has been declared, to the stockholders of record of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company, payable on MONDAY, the 1st day of April.
Stockholders in New-York will receive their dividend at the Union National Bank.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 15th of March to the 1st of April, both days inclusive.
R. P. COMMER, Secretary.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK.
A dividend of Twenty-five per Cent will be paid to the creditors of the Eighth National Bank, at the office of the receiver, No. 3 Hanover-st., in the City of New-York, on and after the 19th of March next.
H. R. SEVEBURD,
Controller of Currency.

DIVIDEND.—THE NEW-JERSEY RAILROAD AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY will pay a quarterly dividend of Two and one-half per Cent, on and after April 10, at the office of the Company, No. 5 Dey st., New-York, upon the entire amount of stocks of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, and Delaware and Raritan Canal Company, registered in the City of New-York.
Transfer-books will be closed until the 11th of April, 1872.
H. J. SOUTHMAYD, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE CUMBERLAND COAL AND IRON COMPANY,
No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, March 11, 1872.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS COMPANY have declared a dividend of Five (5) per Cent, payable on the 15th of April next.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 1st to the 15th proximo.
D. BROMLEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL RAILROAD COMPANY, (OF TEXAS.) TREASURER'S OFFICE,
NO. 52 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, March 15, 1872.
THE COUPONS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE Sinking Fund Bonds of this Company, falling due on the 1st proximo, will be paid on and after that date, at the National City Bank, 52 Wall st.
THOS. W. PEARSALL, Treasurer.

FIFTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND BULLS Head Bank, New-York, March 14, 1872.—A quarterly dividend of Four (4) per Cent, free of tax, was this day declared out of the net earnings of the last three months, payable on and after the 1st day of April next.
S. W. WILLETT, Cashier.

NO. 54 EXCHANGE-PLACE, March 16, 1872.
THE INTEREST DUE APRIL 1, on Bonds of the Oregon and California Railroad Company, will be paid at our office on and after that date.
DREXEL, MORGAN & CO.

FINANCIAL.

MIDLAND BONDS
New-York Midland R. R. 1st Mortgage.
New-York Midland R. R. 2d Mortgage Convertible.
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NOTICE.
The Equitable Commercial Company proposed to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of the company, to be located in the City of New-York, by the Hon. Thurlow Weed, President, hereby give notice that the books of subscription will be opened at the Banking-house of Henry Clews & Co., No. 32 Wall-st., in said city, on WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1872, at 12 M.
HENRY CLEWS,
DAVID DOW,
CHARLES E. HALL,
EDWARD RUDSOH,
[illegible] Jr.,
Commissioners, &c.

OFFICE OF THE WASHINGTON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 152 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, March 12, 1872.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors of this company, constituting the third class, will be held at this office on TUESDAY, the 26 day of April, from 12 to 1 P. M.
W. HAXTON, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR NINE Directors of the Manhattan Life Insurance Company, of New-York, will be held at the Company's office, No. 212 Broadway, on MONDAY, April 1, 1872, from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
J. A. MORTIMORE, Secretary.

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CITY OF ELIZABETH, N. J., 7 PER CENT. BONDS, DUE IN 1877 AT 94 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.
LONG ISLAND RAILROAD BONDS, SECURED BY FIRST MORTGAGE ON ONLY 80 100 PER MILE ON OLD ROAD, PAYING REGULAR DIVIDENDS ON CAPITAL STOCK, PRICE OF BONDS 90 AND ACCRUED INTEREST.
SOUTHERN CENTRAL RAILROAD OF NEW-YORK FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS, ISSUED ONLY AT THE RATE OF $10,000 PER MILE OF ROAD, PRICE 90 AND INTEREST. SUCCESSFUL OPERATION. PRICE OF BONDS, 90 AND INTEREST.

DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY.
There will be a meeting of the Land Grant Bondholders of the Des Moines Valley Railroad Company, purposing to be secured under deed of trust, dated July 1, 1865, at No. 25 William-st., Room No. 9, City of New-York, on the 15th day of April, A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of enabling the bondholds at in their judgment will best promote their interests.
W. A. GILMAN,
W. A. CROWDREY, } Trustees.
NEW-YORK, March 1, 1872.

JOHN HENDER & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 8 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,
ISSUE CIRCULAR NOTES OF CREDIT FOR TRAVELLERS, ON THE CONSOLIDATED BANK, LONDON, AND ON MUNDER & CO., PARIS.
EXCHANGE ON LONDON AND PARIS.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
ISSUE COMMERCIAL AND TRAVELLERS CREDITS AVAILABLE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, March 11, 1872.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Company for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of other appropriate business will be held at the office of the Company, in the City of Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st day of May next, between the hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day.
The transfer-books of the Company will be closed at the office of the Secretary on and 30th day of March inst., and will reopen on the morning of the 2d day of May next.
GEORGE B. ELY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE SECOND-AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, March 14, 1872.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Second-avenue Railroad Company for the election of directors and inspectors of election for the ensuing year, will be held MONDAY, April 1, 1872, at No. 34 New-st. Poll opens at 12 o'clock M. and closes at 1 o'clock P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed March 30, and be reopened April 3.
HARVEY H. WOODS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY,
New-York, March 15, 1872.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR THIRTEEN Directors of this Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 52 Wall st., on MONDAY, the 1st day of April next. The polls will be open at 12 M. and close at 2 P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed on the afternoon of the 25th inst., and reopened on the morning of the 2d prox.
JOHN KEELER, Secretary.

PARK FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 228 BROADWAY, March 15, 1872.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION for fifteen directors of this Company will be held at the office on MONDAY, 1st of April next.
Poll open from 12 M. until 1 P. M.
GEO. ALGER, Secretary.

A DEBENTURE FOR SIXTY-THREE shares of the stock of the Pelham Railroad Company, issued to John M. Wesley, Theodore B. Wesley and Wm. Sam. Johnson, has been lost, and the transfer agent, Mr. HENRY HYDE SON, requests that no transfer be allowed and that no dividends be paid on said shares.
C. P. JOHNSON, Secretary.

THE ORIENTAL BANK, NEW-YORK, March 20, 1872.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held at the Banking-house, No. 18 Wall st., on MONDAY, April 8, at the hours of 10 to 12 o'clock A. M. Transfer-book closed until that date.
HENRY D. CHAPMAN, Jr., Cashier.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, Wall st., corner William st.
NOTICE.
The Annual Meeting of the Company will be held at the office, on TUESDAY, April 2, 1872, at 12 M.
W. H. CUYLER, Secretary.

DANCING.

A. DERVOCHES'
CLASSES FOR DANCING
All open in No. 212 Broadway, Academy Hall, Chapter for ladies, gentlemen or children.
Private lessons and evening classes.
Private lessons in all the fashionable dances.
Pupils can commence at any time.
Circulars at the Hall.

DRY GOODS.

SPECIALTIES.
HAMBURG EDGINGS AND INSERTINGS.
LACE GOODS, JEWELRY, &c.
BRAL POINT, POINT COLLARS AND VAL. LACES.
Dress Collars, Sets, Collars, Sashes, Cambrics, &c.
BLACK THREAD GAUZE, and French Laces.
BASSEMENTERIES AND FRINGES.
A. J. DOW, Jr.,
EMERSON & WILLIAMS, No. 179 Broadway.

DRY GOODS.

AT THE
GREAT EAST-SIDE EMPORIUM,
E. Ridley & Son's,
NOS. 76 AND 78 BOWERY,
BETWEEN GRAND AND HESTER STS.
STRAW GOODS, HATS AND BONNETS,
READY TODAY.
1872. 1872.
NEW SPRING SHAPES.
LEGHORNS, VIENNA, BRAIDS, MOSELLE, ROLLS, SUPERIOR, ETC.
DUNSTABLE, MILAN, SPLIT STRAWS, FLORENTINE, BIGHORNS, and other NEW STYLES.
TRIMMED HATS AND BONNETS.
Every article in the trade equivalent small prices.
TURQUOISE GREEN TO PARIS, CHIPS, and
NO FANCY PRICES!!
EDWARD RIDLEY & SONS,
FIFTH BLOCK EAST FROM THE BOWERY.

AT THE
GREAT EAST-SIDE EMPORIUM,
E. Ridley & Son's.
GRAND DISPLAY IN SILKS DEPARTMENT.
CHEAP GOODS all over the house.
MERINOS, GRO GRAINS, all wool DRESS TRIMS, every width.
SASH RIBBONS, SILK, 4c. 8c. 10c. and 15c. to quote you.
FAN.
SILKS, SATINS, BEDS, TURQUOISES, Bright Orange for Paris Trade Silks, full lines of Blacks, Colors, Flowers, all cotton, and Gauze.
GLOVES.
LADIES' MOTTOES, cover LATIN EXCLAMATIONS, Everything new, from 15 cents to $10.
EXAMINE CORSETS, 50c., 75c., $1, $1.25.
DRESS MEDDLIAN TRIMMINGS.
ORNAMENTS, BUTTONS, EVERYTHING NEW.
One thousand pieces of SILK FRINGES, new manufacture, for our trade.
WHITE GOODS.
REAL AND IMITATION LACES.
BARGAINS IN GUIPURES, Point Applique, Valenciennes.
HAMBURG EDGINGS AND INSERTINGS REAL BARGAINS.
LINENS OF LACE COLLARS 50c., 75c., 90c., $1, $1.50.
GREAT EMPORIUM.
THREAD AND SILK GLOVES.

KID GLOVES.
Dressed 12, 15, 20 Cents pair.
Clearing out JOSEPH L. SOL. pair, two Buttons, Tan, Two-button GLOVE, 75c., 85c., $1 and $1.25, Warranted. Ladies', Misses' and Children's UNDERWEAR.
EDWARD RIDLEY & SONS,
NOS. 76, 78 BOWERY, GRAND
NOS. 22, 24, 26 AND 28 ALLEN-ST.
FIFTH BLOCK EAST FROM THE BOWERY.

SELLING AND COUNTRY STORE-KEEPERS.
Will find to their advantage to examine our STOCK OF RIBBONS, STRAW GOODS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, MILLINERY.
BEST LOW-PRICED KID GLOVES IN AMERICA.
Edward Ridley & Son's,
NOS. 76, 78, BOWERY, GRAND
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FIFTH BLOCK EAST FROM THE BOWERY.

AT KINZEY'S.
OPENING NEW
SPRING GOODS
FROM AUCTION.
GROS GRAIN CORD EDGE
TRIMMING AND SASH RIBBONS.
THE GREATEST BARGAINS
TO BE FOUND IN THE CITY
IN RIBBONS.
LOTS OF RIBBONS, 4c., 6c., 8c., 10c. 12c.
DOLLY VARDEN RIBBONS, 12c. up.
GROS GRAIN RIBBONS, 16c. 20c. up.
WIDE SHADED GROS GRAINS, 25c.
SIX-INCH SASH RIBBONS, 24c. up.
DOLLY VARDEN SASH RIBBONS, 31c., up.
VERY RICH FANCY RIBBONS, 15c., up.
SILK TRIMMINGS.
[illegible] PIECES BLACK AND COLORED SILK TRIMMINGS FROM 12c. to 75c. ENTIRE PIECE.
1,000 PIECES PASSEMENTERIE GIMPS, 6c. 7c. 10c. 15c. 20c. piece.
2,000 PIECES RICH SILK FRINGES, 4c. to 25c. yard.
5,000 YARDS SILK TRIMMINGS FROM 3c. to 10c. yard.
CLOSING OUT LOT OF DRESS AND LINING SILKS, 50c., 75c., 90c., $1, and $1.25.
12,000 PIECES PIQUE AND MARSEILLES TRIMMINGS, 6c. piece up.
MOHAIR BRAIDS, MOHAIRS AND SORBES IN ALL THE NEW STYLES AND COLORS, FROM 12c. TO 60c. EACH.
AGOULE BALL TIES GOLD COST.
600 DOZENS KID GLOVES, ONE AND TWO BUTTONS, IN ALEXANDRE, DUCHESS, JOUVIN, PERRIN (MAKERS), 40c., 50c., 75c., 90c., 95c., and $1.20.
OPENING SPRING HATS, BONNETS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, &c. &c.
60 BOXES OF GUIPURE THREAD, VALENCIENNES, AMELOPHE LACES, FROM 3c. TO $4 yard.
1,000 PIECES HAMBURG EDGINGS AND INSERTINGS, 3c., 5c., 8c., 10c., 12c., 15c., 25c., 35c. up.
5,000 PIECES RUFFLINGS AND MUSLIN TRIMMINGS FROM 50c. PIECE UP.
200 DOZENS LADIES' AND MISSES' UNDERWEAR, CHEMISES, DRAWERS, SKIRTS, SKIRT DRESSES, CORSETS, ALL ABOUT THE PRICE THE MATERIAL WOULD COST.
2,000 DOZENS LADIES' GENTS' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY, HANDKERCHIEFS FROM 2c. UP TO VERY FINE GOODS.
PLAIN AND FANCY MUSLINS, TABLE CLOTHS, NAPKINS, QUILTS, LACE CURTAINS, &c. &c.
GOODS AT WHOLESALE LESS THAN JOBBERS' PRICES.
WILLIAM KINZEY,
NO. 269 BROADWAY,
BETWEEN ANN AND 4TH STS.

SHIRTS AND COLLARS
FROM
CRETONNES AND PERCALES,
ELEGANT STYLES NOW READY,
UNION ADAMS & CO.,
No. 637 BROADWAY.

SPRING TRADE.
ON MONDAY, MARCH 18,
we will make a
MAGNIFICENT DISPLAY
of the
NOVELTIES IMPORTED
FOR THIS SEASON
IN
OTTOMAN STRIPED SHAWLS,
BROCHE LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS,
PLAIN AND FANCY SILKS,
PLAIN AND FANCY DRESS GOODS.
SPRING DRESS GOODS.
GRAND DISPLAY
of all the
NEW AND FASHIONABLE STYLES
IMPORTED FOR THIS SEASON.
Ladies will find our stock not only
THE LARGEST
THE CHEAPEST STOCK
to be found
IN ANY RETAIL STORE IN NEW-YORK.
Ladies can select from upward of
TWO THOUSAND PIECES
at prices from 12½c. to $1 per yard.
W. A. FETTON,
Nos. 87 and 89 Bowery, near Houston-st.

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AU VETIT AU PRIMAS
RUE DE RIVOLI, 172, 174, 176,
NO. 2 RUE DE FOURCY, MARAIS.
The Proprietors of the above Establishment have to inform their friends and the public that they have just received a large and very fine assortment of Silks, Satins, Velvets, Cashmeres, Merinos, Lace Goods, Embroideries, Linen, Cambrics, Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, Hats, Bonnets, Ready-made Clothing, Furs, Furniture, Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, Curtains, Blankets, Quilts, Sheets, Towels, Table Linen, Cutlery, Plated Ware, Clocks, Bronzes, Lamps, Chandeliers, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Jewelry, Watches, Pianos, Harmoniums, Guitars, Violins, Accordeons, Flutes, Cornets, Drums, Fifes, Trombones, Clarionets, Bugles, Tambourines, Cymbals, Triangles, Castanets, Bellows, Bellows-pipes, Tools, Fishing-tackle, Guns, Rifles, Pistols, Powder, Shot, Percussion Caps, Gun-wadding, Gun-locks, Gun-barrels, Gun-stocks, Gun-springs, Gun-screws, Gun-cleaners, Gun-cases, Gun-tools, Gun-trimmings, Gun-sights, Gun-slings, Gun-straps

PUBLIC LIBELERS.

Cool Assumption of Dana and His Legal Mentor.

Questions to be Asked Before the Press Committee—Testimony in Full of Mr. Gough Also Before the Union House Committee.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The Navy Department investigation will begin to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, at the room of the Committee on Claims, House of Representatives. The list of witnesses furnished by Dana shows very clearly that he is in deep water, and that he has no confidence in what he can show as the grounds he claims to have. It is somewhat significant that nearly half the number summoned are naval officers or clerks who have been rembved, transferred or retired. Possibly some of these gentlemen have grievances they would like to make public. If so they will have the finest opportunity. Mr. ROBESON will probably decline the suggestion of the Committee to appear with counsel. There is no appropriation from which counsel fees can be paid, and being a pretty good lawyer himself he can afford to dispense with such a luxury. The public may look for warm work in this investigation, for it will settle either affirmatively or negatively the question whether CHARLES A. DANA can arraign a public officer on grave charges, and then when invited to prove them be allowed to change his role of witness to that of public prosecutor, with counsel at command, thus usurping the functions of the Committee, and rendering it merely a sort of umpire to see fair play between the combatants. It is decidedly a new feature in the line of investigation, and prior to this session, it is doubtful if ever such a thing has been done as to permit the accuser to appear with counsel. Accused persons are sometimes permitted to present counsel, but the accuser seldom or never. The fact that in all these investigations, now fourteen in number, such wide latitude is taken and such publicity given is a conclusive answer to the charges that the Administration fears investigation. All it insists upon is that the motive prompting investigation shall be an honest one, and not be inspired by personal revenge or political intrigue. Never in the history of the Government, it is believed, have there been so many trumped up and wanton "investigations," as during the present session, four out of the seven Departments are or have been under the jurisdiction of investigating committees, all forming a part of the wonderful "anti-Grant" movement. It is not unlikely that the above-mentioned peculiar phase of the Navy Department investigation will call forth some remark in the House to-morrow.

THE FRENCH ARMS.

The Secretary of State informs the Chairman of the Senate Arms Investigation Committee, that the Marquis DE CHAMBRUN holds no such relation to the Diplomatic Corps as to place him within the rule of etiquettee which requires an invitation to appear before the Committee to pass through the State Department. He will, therefore, be summoned, sworn and examined like any other witness. Mr. SIMONTON, agent of the New-York Associated Press, will be examined to-morrow, and also two or three witnesses who have been subpœnaed at the request of Mr. SCHURZ, and Senators SUMNER and PATTERSON will be examined on Tuesday. Much surprise is manifested at, and much comment made here, upon the fact that Senator SCHURZ, when on the stand, betrayed himself into such reckless statements as that he never inferred from anything that CHAMBRUN said that it was the latter's object or desire to connect some officer of the Government or other intermediary person with the sales of arms. It is notorious that such was the purpose of CHAMBRUN. He revealed it in his interviews with the Secretary of War, but on being asked for particulars, only indulged in a great deal of insinuation. He has declared this belief and object to others, and when put on the stand it is doubtful if he will have the hardihood to deny that he has repeatedly expressed such belief to Senator SCHURZ in such terms as to make that person's assertion of ignorance of his purpose appear like the very dishonest statement that it is. SCHURZ'S testimony, or at least the little that he gave, shows no connection with anybody but CHAMBRUN about this business, for he flatly refused to give any other names, and CHAMBRUN'S testimony will show that his entire purpose was to use the investigation, not for the French Government, for it is now fully established that that Government had nothing to do with it, and he wish about it but to save his friend, VICTOR PEACE, from the swift vengeance of the French law, which had already convicted him of a grave crime, and SCHURZ, seeing the opportunity, used it for political effect. He has twice confessed that he had no hope that the German Government could be aroused to action by what he proposed to do, and therefore it would seem to be worse than useless to attempt to show a violation of neutrality. His only hope, desire and purpose was to degrade the Administration. That much is now established by his own admissions.

THE NEW-YORK CUSTOM-HOUSE.

The Custom-house investigation seems to be drawing to a close, though appearances may be deceiving. There is little more evidence to be submitted in what may, perhaps, be called the defense, since the other side has been much in the character of a prosecution. It is not impossible that the prosecutors magnfeel compelled to make an effort to answer the evidence given by Mr. BLISS, and it was noticed that immediately after his examination Mr. BAYARD went over to New-York, and is expected to be here to-morrow morning. According to what seems to be a trustworthy report he expected to have a consultation with Mr. GREELEY and other friends relative to further proceedings in the case, though another cause for his visit was publicly given. The Committee on Retrenchment have already several other investigations to make, which they will not have time for if the Custom-house examination is not soon closed. The notice which has been ordered upon Gen. PALMER and doubtless served, it is hoped will produce the memorandum of the conversation about CORRIGAN, which was dictated to TOWNLEY immediately after the conversation took place. It is understood that the reluctance to produce that paper is because of the containing notes of other portions of the correspondence, the divulging of which would not aid the purposes of the prosecutors, even if the results attributed to MURPHY about CORRIGAN are sustained by it. The notes depending upon it is of no consequence to the purposes of the investigations, and the interest in it is only personal to those whose character for truthfulness may be affected by the knowledge of the truth.

TESTIMONY OF MR. BLISS.

Mr. George Bliss' Evidence of Thursday in Full—Examination Continued of the Witness Sackett Favors of New-York Politics—Some Wholesome Considerations.

The following is the testimony in detail of Geo. Bliss, Jr., as given by him on Thursday last before the Committee of Investigation and Retrenchment in Washington, and already summarized by telegraph:

By Mr. BAYARD—You testified, yesterday, in respect to the case of JAMES CORRIGAN. I understood you to say it was in deference to your influence that he was appointed by Mr. MURPHY an inspector in the Custom-house, where he now is.

A—Yes, Sir; my influence, personal and official, as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Eleventh District Republican Association.

Q—How long has CORRIGAN been of your acquaintance? A—Under new CORRIGAN being after he was removed from the Appraiser's office; he then appointed in my office and took me in his hand upon my account; I take him I knew nothing of him.

Q—Do you know anything of the character of the Grider Republican Association as a political club? A—I know nothing of it